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Missile strike kills 63 Russian troops in Ukraine, admits Kremlin

Moscow: At least 63 Russian troops were killed in eastern Ukraine as Kyiv forces struck a camp using US-supplied Himars systems, the Russian Defence Ministry announced on Monday. The statement was an extremely rare announcement of Russian losses in Ukraine. Kremlin critics accuse Russian authorities of downplaying losses on the battlefield in Ukraine | **P13**

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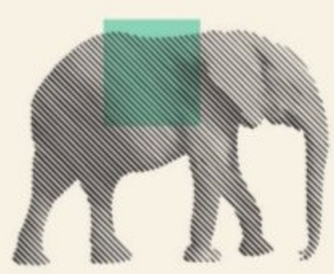
They trot at a consistent pace, avoiding dangers in their pursuit of stability. Marathon—not sprint—is their sport, and they carry on with patient perseverance towards their goals.



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Even if the world turns upside down, their composure remains intact. Excessive risk-taking is not usually their preferred course of action, but they can solve the hardest problems in new and clever ways.

Far-sighted Eagle

Soaring the skies, they never lose sight of the big picture. Courageous and intelligent decision-making helps their dreams take off.

Enlightened Whale

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(IRRIGATION WING)

CORRIGENDUM-1 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No. 113/2022/NDD

Name of Office : Additional Superintending Engineer, Nangal Township Division, Distt. Ropar - 140 124 (PB)

Name of Work : Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 210 KW Grid connected Hydrokinetic Turbine Power Plant and its integration with existing 415 Volt BBMB Grid system including transmission system for evacuation of Power and operation & maintenance for five years post two year warranty period, at Down-stream of Bhakra Dam Near Olinda Bridge of BBMB, Distt. Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.

Bid Document download Start date & time	15.12.2022 at 1100 hrs.
Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	05.01.2023 at 1100 hrs.
Bid Document Submission Start date & time	10.01.2023 at 1100 hrs.
Bid Document download End date & time	13.02.2023 at 1500 hrs.
Last date and time of Online Bid submission	13.02.2023 at 1700 hrs.
Date & time of Online Bid opening	14.02.2023 at 1500 hrs.

For detailed NIT/terms & conditions etc. please visit/downloaded from BBMB website **www.bbmb.gov.in** and **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** If any, Corrigendum, shall be upload on websites only.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

E-Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2022-23/48 Dated : 23-12-2022

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Modification of OHE for new Road Over Bridge construction near Challakere Station. (Re-tender)	Rs. 5,57,833.18

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 16-01-2023**

E-Tender Notice No. Y/E.29/2022-23/49 Dated : 26-12-2022

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Implementation of works as per Energy Audit Recommendations at Mysuru, Arasikere, Birur, Sagar Jambagaru, Shivamogga, Subrahmanya Road, Hassan, Davangere, Harihar, Nanjangud & Chamarajanagar	Rs. 49,86,497/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 17-01-2023**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer

PUB/580/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Mysuru

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that our Client has negotiated for purchase of the Schedule Property described hereunder from its owner **Jyothi Kirti Dharamshi,** and our Client intends to conclude the said transaction. As such any person(s) having any claim whatsoever over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to file their objections, claims, if any, alongwith supporting documents to the below mentioned address within **21 (twenty one) days** from the date of this notice. If no objections/claims are received within the said period, our Client shall proceed as bonafide purchaser to conclude the sale transaction by paying the entire sale consideration amount and getting the sale deed registered in his favour.

SCHEDULE

(a) All that piece & parcel of vacant **Site No. 130** situated at 12th B Cross, Sarakki II Stage, JP Nagar, Bengalooru, PID No. 57-104-130, measuring East to West: 11.75m & North to South: 21.70m, bounded on the **East: Road, West: Site No. 129, North: Site No. 141 & South: Road**

(b) All that piece & parcel of vacant **Site No. 141** situated at 12th B Cross, Sarakki II Stage, JP Nagar, Bengalooru, PID No. 57-102-141, measuring East to West: 11.89m & North to South: 21.64m, bounded on the **East: Road, West: Site No. 142, North: Road & South: Site No. 130**

(G.S. Prasanna Kumar)
Advocate,
#9, 2nd Main, Srikantan Layout, Crescent Road, High Grounds, Bengalooru – 560 001
Email: lincandco@gmail.com

Karnataka State

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

No.EE/PWD/Smg/JE-2/IFT-47/2022-23 Dtd:31-12-2022

Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement (http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) for the below Indents by PWD Class-3 and above Contractors. For needful information please contact Office P.No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

5054-03-337-0-17-154

SH Improvements: Sagara 6 Work

Tender documents down loading & submission dates: Sl No.1 to 6 Works date:02-01-2023 to 16-01-2023

Period for completion of works: 6 Months (Including Monsoon).

Sd/-EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga

DIPR/smg/no.02/01/22-23/1580

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CE(E)/Tr.Z.HSN/AEE(E)/EE(C)/37/2023-24/22680-83 Date : 02.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites short term tenders through e-Procurement mode from registered KPWD Civil Contractors having EPF registration and fulfilling all other requirements as in NIT (of e-procurement), for the execution of Construction of KPTCL Guest house at 220kv station premises Kemar, Karkala Taluk, Udupi District. **Work indent No: KPTCL//2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT10042/CALL-2** Interested tenderers directly can access the tendering website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** - hyperlink "e-procurement" from **03.01.2023** onwards for detailed NIT and to participate in the tenders through e-procurement. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.),
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan,
3rd Floor, Santepete, B.M.Road, Hassan – 573201

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

NOTIFICATION

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,

No. 16, C-1, Millers Bed Area, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. HESCOM/DF/CA/DCA/AO(RA)/22-23/CYS-7219 **Dated :02-01-2023**

IN THE MATTER OF:

An application for Approval of APR for FY-22, approval of Revised ARR and ERC for FY-24 under Multi Year Tariff principles in accordance with the KERC (Terms and Conditions for determination of Tariff for Distribution and retail Sale of Electricity) Regulations, 2006 of Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM), Hubli-580 025 under Section 27 of the Karnataka Electricity Reforms Act, 1999 and under Section 61 & 62 of Electricity Act, 2003, read with relevant KERC (Tariff) Regulations.

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM)
P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubli-580025 ..... **PETITIONER**

NOTICE

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM) has filed an application before the Hon'ble Commission for Approval of APR for FY-22, approval of Revised ARR and ERC for FY-24 under Multi Year Tariff principles in accordance with Section 61 & 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Hon'ble Commission has treated it as petition in terms of Tariff regulations subject to further verification & validation.

1. NEED FOR REVISION:

A revenue deficit arises due to the mismatch between the revenue receipts from existing tariff and Aggregate Revenue Requirement of HESCOM as detailed below, including subsidy from GOK:

Year	Revenue Receipts Rs. in Crores	Revenue Requirement Rs. in Crores	Revenue Deficit Rs. in Crores	Average cost of supply Rs./unit
1	2	3	4(3-2)	5
2021-22	8804.38	10527.86	1723.48	8.95
2023-24	10195.07	10376.52	181.45	8.07
Total Gap			1904.93	

(As per Annual reports of HESCOM, for FY-22, total deficit is Rs. 1904.93 Crs.)

There is a revenue deficit of Rs. 1904.93 Crs for FY-22 of HESCOM and Rs. 181.45 Crs of deficit is expected for FY-24. Hence, the revision in tariff is very essential. HESCOM plans to recover Rs. 1904.93 Crs in FY-24 from the proposed revision of Tariff. HESCOM has submitted its application for approval of Annual Performance Review for FY-22 and approval of Revised ARR and ERC for the Retail Supply Business and for the Distribution Business for FY-24.

2. PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASE: It is proposed to increase the tariff applicable to various categories of consumers as **shown in Annexure-1.**

3. Pursuant to Regulation-5 of KERC (Tariff) Regulations 2000, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections to the above petition may file the same with the Receiving Officer, O/o The Secretary, No. 16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasant nagar, Bengaluru-560 052, along with the documents on which they want to rely upon, in six sets, duly supported by an affidavit **within Thirty days from the date of first publication** of this Tariff Notification in the newspapers and also to indicate whether they want to be heard in person. A copy of the objection may be marked to Controller, Corporate office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubballi-580 025 for furnishing replies to the objections. Interested persons may file their objections within the stipulated time.
4. For reference of those who are interested, copies of the petition are available for inspection at all O&M Zonal / Circle / Divisional Offices of HESCOM, and at Corporate Office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, and Hubballi -580 025.
5. They may also obtain copies of the required portion of the petition by paying photocopying charges.
6. Further, a full set of petition together with supporting material will also be made available to the interested persons by all Chief Engineers, Electy. Zonal Offices, Superintending Engineers (EI), O&M Circle Offices, Executive Engineers (EI), O&M Division offices and at Corporate Office of HESCOM, on payment of Rs. 100/- (Special price) (Rs. One Hundred Only)
7. The soft copy of the ERC/Tariff application, Commission's preliminary observations & Compliance of HESCOM can be viewed on our website (hescom.karnataka.gov.in) and it can also be obtained from Regulatory Affairs section Corporate Office, Hubballi **(e-mail ID dcara.hescom@gmail.com)**

For Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited
SD/- Controller
HESCOM, P. B. Road, Navanagar,
Hubballi 580025

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF EXISTING TARIFF AND PROPOSED TARIFF.

Annexure-1

Tariff Category	Type of installation	FY-23		Type of installation	FY-24	
	Tariff Order 2022	Existing Rs./unit		Tariff Order 2023	Proposed Rs./unit	
	Energy Charges & slabs	FC	EC	Energy Charges & slabs	FC	EC
LT-1 : Applicable to installations serviced under BJ/KJ schemes	Installations Serviced under BJ/KJ Scheme.					
	The energy charges in respect of the BJ/KJ category,is subsidized by the GOK for maximum consumption of 40 units per month	70.00	8.31	The energy charges in respect of the BJ/KJ category,is subsidized by the GOK for maximum consumption of 40 units per month	95.00	9.41
LT-2 (a) Applicable to Domestic lighting /Combined lighting, Heating & Motive power	LT-2 a (i) Applicable to areas coming under City Muncipal Corporations and Urban Local Bodies			LT-2 a Applicable to all areas of HESCOM		
	Fixed Charges /month			Fixed Charges /month		
	For the first KW	100.00		For the first KW	125.00	
	For every additional KW upto and inclusive of 50 KW	110.00		For every additional KW upto and inclusive of 50 KW	135.00	
	For every additional KW above 50 KW	175.00		For every additional KW above 50 KW	200.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)			Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		
	For 1 to 50 units		4.10	For 0 to 50 units		4.00
	For 51 to 100 units		5.60	For 0 to 100 units		4.80
	For 101 to 200 units		7.15	For 0 to above 100 units		7.30
	For above 200 units		8.20	REBATE FOR RURAL CONSUMERS @ 0.50 Rs/unit		
	LT-2 a (ii) Applicable to areas coming under Village Panchayth Area					
	Fixed Charges /month					
	For the first KW	85.00				
	For every additional KW upto and inclusive of 50 KW	100.00				
	For every additional KW above 50 KW	160.00				
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)					
	For 1 to 50 units		4.00			
	For 51 to 100 units		5.30			
	For 101 to 200 units		6.85			
	For above 200 units		7.70			
LT-2 b : Applicable to Pvt. Proffesional & other Pvt. Educational Institutions	LT-2 b (i) Applicable to areas coming under ULBs including CMCs.			LT-2 b Applicable to all areas of HESCOM		
	Fixed Charges /month			Fixed Charges /month		
	Per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	120.00		Per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	145.00	
	subject to minimum per month	150.00		subject to minimum per month	175.00	
	For every additional KW above 50 KW	175.00		For every additional KW above 50 KW	200.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)			Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		
	For 1 to 200 units		7.30	For 1 to 200 units		7.20
	For above 200 units		8.55	For above 200 units		8.45
	LT-2 b (ii) Applicable to areas coming under Village Panchayats			REBATE FOR RURAL CONSUMERS @ 0.50 Rs/unit		
	Fixed Charges /month					
	Per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW,	110.00				
	subject to minimum per month	135.00				
LT-3. Applicable to Commercial lighting / Combined lighting, Heating & Motive power	For every additional KW above 50 KW	165.00				
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)					
	For 1 to 200 units		6.75			
	For above 200 units		8.00			
	LT-3 (i) : Applicable to areas coming under ULBs including CMCs.			LT-3 Applicable to all areas of HESCOM		
	Fixed Charges /month			Fixed Charges /month		
	Per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	125.00		Per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	150.00	
	For every additional KW above 50 KW	230.00		For every additional KW above 50 KW	255.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)			Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		
	For 1 to 50 units		8.40	For 1 to 50 units		8.30
	For above 50units		9.40	For above 50units		9.30
	LT-3 (ii) : Applicable to areas coming under Village Panchayats.			Power supply on permanent connection basis applicable to Hoardings & Advertisement Boards (Less than 67 HP)		
	Fixed Charges /month			Fixed Charges /month		
	Per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	115.00		Per KW per month	150.00	
	For every additional KW above 50 KW	220.00		Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)			For all units		12.45
	For 1 to 50 units		7.90	REBATE FOR RURAL CONSUMERS @ 0.50 Rs/unit		
	For above 50 units		8.90			
LT- 4 IP Sets	LT-4 (a) : Applicable to IP sets up to and inclusive of 10HP					
	Fixed Charges /HP/month			Fixed Charges /HP/month	0.00	.----
	Free power supply. Subsidized by GOK. Commision Determined Tariff is Rs.7.15/unit		7.15	Free power supply. Subsidized by GOK. Commision Determined Tariff is Rs.9.41/unit		9.41
	LT-4 (b) : Applicable to IP sets above 10HP					
	Fixed Charges /HP/month	110.00		Fixed Charges /HP/month	135.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		3.90	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		3.80
	LT-4 (c) : Pvt. Horti. Nurseries, Coffee & Tea plantations					
	Fixed Charges /HP/month	100.00		Fixed Charges /HP/month	125.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		3.90	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		3.80
LT-5 : Heating & Motive power (including lighting)-Industries	.LT-5 :(a) Heating & Motive power (including lighting)- Industries. Muncipal Corporation Area			LT-5 : Heating & Motive power (including lighting)- Industries. All aeas of HESCOM		
	Fixed Charges /HP/month			Fixed Charges /HP/month		
	I) For 5 HP & below	90.00		i) Below 40 HP	115.00	
	ii) For above 5 HP & below 40 HP	100.00		ii) For 40 HP & above but below 100 HP	150.00	
	iii) For 40 HP & above but below 67 HP	125.00		iii) For 100 HP and above	250.00	
	iv) For 67 HP & above but below 100 HP	190.00				
	v) For 100 HP and above	225.00				
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)			Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		
	For 1 to 500 units		5.85	For 1 to 500 units		5.75
	For 501 to 1000 units		6.85	For 501 to 1000 units		6.75
	For above 1000 units		7.15	For above 1000 units		7.05
	LT-5 : (b) Heating & Motive power (including lighting)-Industries. Area other than that of LT-5(a)			REBATE FOR RURAL CONSUMERS @ 0.50 Rs/unit		
LT-6 : Water Supply & street lights	Fixed Charges/HP/month					
	i) For 5 HP & below	80.00				
	ii) For above 5 HP & below 40 HP	95.00				
	iii) For 40 HP & above but below 67 HP	120.00				
	iv) For 67 HP & above but below 100 HP	175.00				
	v) For 100 HP and above	210.00				
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)					
	For 1 to 500 units		5.75			
	For 501 to 1000 units		6.70			
	For above 1000 units		7.00			
	LT-6 (a): Water Supply					
	Fixed Charges/HP/month Upto 67 HP	110.00		Fixed Charges/HP/month Upto 67 HP	135.00	
	For every additional KW above 67 HP	215.00		For every additional KW above 67 HP	240.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		5.00	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		6.75
	LT-6 (b): Public Lighting					
	Fixed Charges/KW/month	125.00		Fixed Charges/KW/month	150.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		6.65	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		8.40
	Energy charges for LED / Induction Lighting		5.60	Energy charges for LED / Induction Lighting		7.35
	LT-6 (c) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (For Both LT & HT)					
	Fixed Charges/KW/ month For LT Supply			Fixed Charges/KW/ month For LT Supply		
	Upto 50 KW	70.00		Upto 50 KW	95.00	
	For every additional KW above 50 KW	170.00		For every additional KW above 50 KW	195.00	
	Demand Charges/KVA/ month For HT Supply	200.00		Demand Charges/KVA/ month For HT Supply	225.00	
	Energy Charges per KWH for both LT & HT		5.00	Energy Charges per KWH for both LT & HT		4.90
LT-7. Temporary	LT-7. (a)Temporary supply (Less than 67 HP)					
	Energy charges		11.20	Energy charges		11.10
	Weekly Minimum charges	275.00		Weekly Minimum charges	300.00	
	LT-7. (b)Power supply on permanent connection basis (Less than 67 HP)					
	Fixed Charges/KW/month	150.00				
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		11.20			
HT-1. Water supply And Sewerage	HT-1.Water supply And Sewerage					
	Demand Charges /KVA/month	250.00		Demand Charges /KVA/month	275.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		5.60	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		5.50
HT-2 (a): HT-Industries.	HT-2 (a): HT-Industries.					
	Demand Charges/KVA/month	265.00		Demand Charges/KVA/month	290.00	
	For 1-100000 Units (Rs./unit)		7.35	For all Units (Rs./unit)		7.30
	For the balance units (Rs./unit)		7.60			
	Railway Traction and Effluent Treatment Plants					
	Demand Charges /KVA/month	275.00		Demand Charges /KVA/month	300.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) for Railway Traction		6.60	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) for Railway Traction		6.50
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) for Effluent Treatment Plants serviced outside the premisesof any installations under HT2a		7.00	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) for Effluent Treatment Plants serviced outside the premises of any installations under HT2a		6.90
HT-2 (b) Commercial	HT-2 (b)Commercial					
	Demand Charges /KVA/month	290.00		Demand Charges /KVA/month	315.00	
	For 1- 200000 Units (Rs./unit)		9.05	For all Units (Rs./unit)		9.00
	For above 200000 units (Rs./unit)		9.15			
HT-2 © Hospitals, Ed inst - Govt	HT-2 ©(i) Hospitals,Ed inst -Govt					
	Demand Charges /KVA/month	260.00		Demand Charges /KVA/month	285.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)			Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		
	For 1-100000 Units (Rs./unit)		7.20	For all Units (Rs./unit)		7.15
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)		7.60			
	HT-2 ©(ii) Hospitals-other than HT-2 ©(i)					
	Demand Charges /KVA/month	265.00		Demand Charges /KVA/month	290.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)			Energy Charges (Rs./unit)		
	For 1-100000 Units (Rs./unit)		8.20	For all Units (Rs./unit)		8.15
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)		8.60			
HT-3 : Lift Irrigation Schemes/Lift Irrigation Societies	HT-3 (a)(i) : Lift Irrigation Schemes (Govt.)					
	Energy charges		3.15	Energy charges		3.05
	Annual Minimum charges/HP	1900.00		Annual Minimum charges/HP	2,200.00	
	HT-3 (a)(ii) : Private L.I. Schemes/L.I. Societies (Urban & Express feeders).			HT-3 (a)(ii) :All Private L.I. Schemes/ L.I. Societies including those connected to Urban & Express feeders.		
	Fixed Charges/HP/month	110.00		Fixed Charges/HP/month	135.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		3.15	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		3.05
	HT-3 (a)(iii): Private L.I. Schemes /L.I. Societies other than those HT-3(a) (ii).					
	Fixed Charges/HP/month	90.00				
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		3.15			
	HT-3 (b) : Irrigation & Agricultural Farms, Nurseries & Plantations.					
	Energy charges		5.15	Energy charges		5.05
	Annual Minimum charges/HP	1960.00		Annual Minimum charges/HP	2,260.00	
HT- 4 : Residential Apartments & Colonies	HT-4 : Applicable to all areas					
	Fixed Charges/KVA/month	175.00		Fixed Charges/KVA/month	200.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		7.05	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		6.95
HT-5: Temporary supply applicable to 67 HP & above	HT-5: Temporary supply applicable to 67 HP & above					
	Fixed Charges/HP/month	325.00		Fixed Charges/HP/month	350.00	
	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		11.20	Energy Charges (Rs./Unit)		11.10

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RECESSION TO HIT ONE-THIRD OF WORLD IN 2023: IMF CHIEF

The US, EU and China set to see their economic growth slow down, the fund's chief Kristalina Georgieva warned

PREDICTS SLOWEST CHINA GROWTH IN 40 YEARS

The surge in Covid cases in China will have a negative impact on Chinese and global economy. "For the next couple of months, it would be tough for China," Georgieva said, adding that its economy is set to grow below the global level for the first time in 40 years. In the EU, the energy crisis triggered by the Ukraine war may push half of countries into recession

STRONG U.S. LABOUR MARKET BRINGS HOPE

- Even in countries that are not in recession, millions of people may find themselves in recession-like situations, she warned
- Amid the gloom, a strong US labour market stands out as a beacon of hope. It may help the US, which is also on the verge of recession, and the world get through a difficult year, she said

2.7%

IS HOW MUCH THE IMF EXPECTS THE GLOBAL ECONOMY TO GROW IN 2023

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Not restricted to some series of notes

The Centre's powers under Sec 26(2) of the RBI Act cannot be restricted to mean that it can be exercised only for some series of notes. Merely because demonetisation was done by plenary legislation on two earlier occasions, it cannot be held that such power is not be available to the Centre, the majority verdict said

Objective noble but legally flawed

"At no point has any suggestion been made that the measure was motivated by anything but the best intentions and noble objects for the betterment of the Nation. The measure has been regarded as unlawful only on a purely legalistic analysis of the relevant provisions of the Act," Justice Nagrathna said

DEMON PROCESS CLEAN, SAYS SC IN 4-1 VERDICT

DIFFERENT TAKES ON INTERPRETATION OF SECTION 26(2) OF THE RBI ACT

JUSTICE B R GAVAI

Notification dated November 8, 2016 banning ₹1,000 and ₹500 notes does not suffer from any flaws in the decision-making process. It also satisfies the test of proportionality

JUSTICE S A NAZEER

The Centre and the RBI were in consultation for six months, which is reasonable for such a measure, "Demonetisation was not hit by the doctrine of proportionality"

JUSTICE A S BOPANNA

52-day window for exchange of banned notes not unreasonable. RBI does not possess independent power to accept the demonetised notes beyond the specified period

JUSTICE V RAMASUBRAMANIAN

JUSTICE B V NAGARATHNA

Demonetisation only by an Ordinance issued by the President followed by an Act of Parliament or by plenary legislation through Parliament if process is not initiated by RBI. Centre cannot demonetise bank notes through a Gazette notification

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

SIX years after the Centre suddenly demonetised ₹500 and ₹1,000 currency notes, a Supreme Court bench in its 4-1 majority verdict on Monday upheld the process, saying it did not find any procedural flaws.

The majority comprising justices S Abdul Nazeer, B R Gavai, A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian ruled that the November 8, 2016 notification on banning the notes did not violate the principle of proportionality. Justice B V Nagarathna, in her dissenting opinion, termed the notification unlawful. She ruled that the decision-making process was "tainted" with elements of "non-exercise of discretion" by the RBI's Central Board in offering advice.

But Justice Gavai, who authored the verdict for the majority, said the RBI and the Centre were in consultation with each other for at least six months preceding the action, which was adequate.

Rejecting the petitioner's contention that the decision-making process was deeply flawed, the court said, "we are of the considered view that the Central Board had taken into consideration the relevant factors while recommending withdrawal of legal tender of bank notes in the denomination of ₹500/- and ₹1000/- of existing and any older series in circulation."

Dwelling on the RBI's role, the bench said, "merely because the Central Government has advised the Central Board to consider recommending demonetization and that the Central Board, on the advice of the Central Government, has considered the proposal for demonetization and recommended it and, thereafter, the Central Government has taken a decision, in our view, cannot be a ground to hold that the procedure prescribed under Section 26 of the RBI Act was breached."

The bench also said that Centre by invoking Section 26(2) of the Act, which empowers it to demonetise notes, can declare all series of notes ceasing to be legal tender.

"The word "any" would mean "all" under Section 26(2) of the RBI Act. Merely because on two earlier occasions the government decided to take recourse to the plenary power of legislation, the word "any" cannot be given a restricted meaning, the majority verdict sought to emphasise.

The judges said the note ban had a reasonable nexus with its objectives, such as eradicating black money and terror funding, adding it is not relevant whether those objectives were achieved or not.

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Gazette notification route to ban notes flawed: Justice Nagarathna

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

IN her lone dissenting opinion, Justice B V Nagarathna on Monday found the Centre's notification on demonetisation unlawful and vitiated as it had procedural flaws.

Section 26(2) of the RBI Act, she said, is only applicable when the proposal for demonetisation is initiated by the Central Board of the RBI. Since the 2026 proposal was initiated by the Centre, she said it could not be given effect through a notification, adding the entire process was done in 24 hours.

The Centre, she added, can issue a notification if it accepts the recommendation by the RBI's Central Board. But in the absence of a recommendation by the Central Board, demonetisation can be carried out only by enacting a plenary legislation or law.

"The powers of the Central Government being vast, the same have to be exercised only through a plenary legislation or a legislative process rather than by an executive act by the issuance of a notification in the Gazette of India. It is necessary that the Parliament which consists of the representatives of the People of this country, discusses the matter and thereafter approves and supports the implementation of the scheme of demonetisation," she said.

Terming the decision-making process as tainted with non-exercise of discretion by the RBI's Central Board, she said the RBI acted at the behest of the Centre and did not render an independent opinion to the government.

TOUGH STEPS

Transit visitors from 6 countries need -ve cert

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

TRAVELLERS taking transit flights to India from Covid hotspots countries China, Thailand, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan, will have to submit a negative RT-PCR report and a self-declaration form, irrespective of their originating countries, the Centre said on Monday.

"As per revised guidelines, a mandatory requirement for pre-departure RT-PCR testing (to be conducted within 72 hours before undertaking the journey) has been introduced for passengers from these countries," additional secretary Union health ministry Lav Agarwal, wrote to the secretary of the Union civil aviation ministry Rajiv Bansal. Negative RT-PCR reports and self-declaration forms can be submitted through the civil aviation ministry's Air Suvidha portal.

Meanwhile, the Union health minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya visited the Delhi airport on Monday. "Reviewed Air Suvidha systemand RT-PCR testing facilities for international passengers at IGI Airport..." he later tweeted.

BF.7.4 strain found in sample of B'luru techie?

A new Omicron sub-variant—BF.7.4 — is suspected to have been found in the genomic surveillance of an international traveller who arrived from Germany earlier in December. The new strain is said to belong to the BA.5 family of Omicron, and is reported to have been found in the sample of the B'lurean. BBMP Health Commissioner Randeep denied it. P5

Twin terror attacks claim six lives in J&K's Rajouri

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A Hindu-dominated village on Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district had a bloody start to the New Year with twin terrorist attacks claiming six lives since Sunday night.

Hours after four civilians, including a father-son duo, were gunned down by terrorists who barged into their homes in Dangri village on Sunday night, an improvised explosive device (IED) went off around 9 am on Monday at the house of one of the victims. The blast killed two minors and injured 12.

Medical Superintendent of Government Medical College & Associated Hospital, Rajouri, Dr Mehmood Hussain told this newspaper that a three-year-old girl was brought dead to the hospital while a 16-year-old girl died of her injuries while undergoing treatment.

"Two men came to check our Aadhaar cards. After have a look at the cards, they dragged me and my child to the kitchen, locked us there and opened fired on our family members in another room," the wife of Pritam Lal, who was gunned down on Sunday night and at whose house the IED went off on Monday morning, said.

The twin attacks have left the villagers in a state of shock. They alleged lapses on the part of the security forces and staged a protest.

An injured woman being rushed to a hospital after an explosion at Dangri village | PTI

"How come the terrorists managed to reach the village and how come the IED was not cleared by the security forces during the clearance operation after last evening's attack?" a local resident asked.

The protesters threatened not to cremate the bodies till Lt Governor Manoj Sinha visited the spot, which he did on Monday evening. Sinha assured the people that all necessary actions will be taken and those responsible for the attack won't go unpunished. He said an inquiry has been ordered to find out whether there were any security lapses. "We will avenge the killings," he assured the villagers.

Meanwhile, the security forces intensified a cordon-and-search operation in the area by inducting additional personnel to track down the two suspected terrorists.

Goa wants DPR withdrawn, Karnataka firm

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi, Bengaluru

THERE was a war of words between the Karnataka and Goa governments on Monday over the Kalasa-Banduri project across the Mahadayi river.

Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol said that Goa cannot prevent Karnataka from implementing the project as the Union Government has given its approval to the revised detailed project report (DPR). Karjol said tenders will be floated in a month and the project will be implemented within a year.

Karjol's statement came on a day when Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant held a special meeting on the Mahadayi dispute. The meeting decided to appeal to the Centre for withdrawal of the approval given to Karnataka's revised DPR. In the meeting, Sawant said an all-party party delegation from Goa will meet PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah if the situation demands. He reiterated his demand for the creation of a Mahadayi Water Management Authority to oversee the execution of Mahadayi tribunal's award and asked the Centre to provide a copy of the DPR of the Kalasa Banduri project. The Mahadayi Interstate Water Disputes Tribunal, in its verdict in 2018, granted Karnataka 13.42 tmcft of water against the demand for 36.558 tmcft.

KALASA BANDURI

The Central Water Commission approved the DPR based on the proposal drawn up by the Karnataka Water Resources Department seeking to divert 3.9 tmcft — 2.18 tmcft from Banduri and 1.72 tmcft from Kalasa nalas – for drinking water purposes in the twin cities of Hubballi-Dharwad and a few other areas of North Karnataka. P6

FOR BIG YEAR AHEAD

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai offers prayers at Tirupati Tirumala Devasthanams (TTD) in Vyalikaval on Vaikunta Ekadashi in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

Boy stabs girl to death on campus, turns knife on self

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a shocking incident, a 19-year-old BTech student was stabbed to death in broad daylight on the premises of Presidency University at Itgalpur in Rajanakunte near Yelahanka on Monday afternoon. The assailant, a relative of the victim and a BCA student at Nrupatunga University, later stabbed himself and is in a critical condition.

Police suspect that the accused Pawan Kalyan (21) was in love with the victim, Layasmitha, who had turned down his proposal on multiple occasions. Both are from a village in Mulbagal taluk of Kolar district.

Police said Kalyan entered the university and went to a classroom where Layasmitha was sitting with three to four friends of her. He called her outside by saying that he wanted to talk to her. "The two spoke for about 15 minutes in the corridor after which Layasmitha, sensing danger, tried to leave the place. But the accused stopped her, pulled out a knife from his bag and stabbed her multiple times. Before other students could stop him, he stabbed himself in the chest and abdomen," Bengaluru Rural district SP Mallikarjun Baladandi told *TNIE*.

The incident took place at 12.50 pm, soon after which both were rushed to a nearby hospital where Layasmitha was declared brought dead. P7

WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?

Kannada-medium schools dogged by a plethora of issues

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

DESPITE the promises made by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to improve the standard of Kannada-medium schools in the state, the reality on the ground is something else. Kannada-medium government schools are no different from other government schools in terms of lack of facilities, faculty members and students. Schools especially in the border areas are worst hit as allocation of funds remains low. The increasing number of private schools also poses a challenge.

Bommai had assured that Kannada-medium schools, not only in the border areas, but also in other states would be upgraded.

School Education and Literacy Minister BC Nagesh also said that a large number of Kannada-medium schools in the Kalyan Karnataka region have been upgraded. Nagesh, however, admitted that besides two major challenges of lack

of teachers and classrooms, the bigger problem is a lack of schools themselves.

Two Kannada medium schools in Byndoor in Udupi district have been shut due to lack of funds and students.

R Vishal, commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, said, "A majority of the Kannada-medium schools in the state are primary schools. There are fewer secondary schools and even fewer high schools. Understandably, parents prefer to admit their children in schools that have all the three levels, rather than just a primary school," he said.

Owing to this, many primary schools not only face a shortage of students but are also not given priority when it comes to appointing teachers. "To the best of our ability, we have ensured that each school has at least one teacher, at the very least one guest teacher," he said.

On whether more Kannada schools would be opened, the commissioner said that it did not make sense as 48,000 Kannada government schools already exist in the state.

EXPRESS READ

Siddeshwara Swamiji passes away at 82

VIJAYAPURA: Siddeshwara Swamiji, one of the prominent Lingayat seers, passed away at his Gyanayogashrama on Monday night. The 82-year-old seer was suffering from age-related complications and also had difficulty in breathing for the past few days. Known for his simplicity, the seer was popular for his sermons in which he raised issues related to the common man. P7

Bizman's suicide: Limbavali booked

BENGALURU: Following the suicide of a businessman, the police registered an FIR against six persons, including BJP MLA Aravind Limbavali, and booked them for abetment of suicide. Pradeep S, 47, had ended his life by shooting himself in his car at Nettigere off Kanakapura Road on Sunday. P6

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Neta supporters put up banners, disobey HC

Angry residents say leaders focus on such propaganda instead of setting right issues concerning Bengaluru

MOHAMMED YACOOB
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DESPITE a Karnataka High Court directive against flexes, banners and buntings, supporters of political leaders have brazenly put up posters all over the city, wishing the public for Christmas, New Year and the upcoming Sankranti.

At the Benson Town bridge near Shivajinagar, a big banner of Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan has come up. Similarly, supporters of former minister and Vijayanagar MLA M Krishnappa have put up banners on Mysuru Road, at Attiguppe and surrounding areas. A supporter of Shanthinagar MLA NA Haris has erected a flex at Dr Rajkumar Park in Domlur, blocking Kannada matinee idol Dr Rajkumar's bust from one side.

These posters have come up in public spaces and even on signages without taking any consent.

At the Nandidurga Road-Miller's Road Junction, followers of JDS leader Anwar Sharieff's son Usman Sharieff have blocked the area signage with a banner.

A flex erected by a supporter of Shanthinagar MLA NA Haris at Dr Rajkumar Park in Domlur | EXPRESS

"This is a clear case of contempt of court. The High Court should take up a suo motu case and give directions to the BBMP. Otherwise, this will not stop," said Vasudevan J, a member of the Jayamahal Residents' Forum.

A Domlur resident said that leaders, who put up such posters through their supporters, have little concern for the city's civic issues like potholes, flooding due to storm water drain encroachments and pollution of lakes.

"We should put up MLAs' photos and banners near bad stretches, overflowing manholes and public toilets in bad condition, holding them accountable for such civic issues and shame them," said a senior citizen.

BBMP, Special Commissioner, Revenue, RL Deepak said he has instructed revenue officials in all zones to pull down such illegal banners and book cases for the violation of High Court order. According to the Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1981, a person cannot erect banners or flexes for advertising without written permission. A violator can be fined Rs 1,000 or imposed six-month jail term.

Daughter equal to son, can get I-card, says HC

ENS @ Bengaluru

TO bring in gender equality, the Karnataka High Court held that exclusion of a married daughter for grant of an Identity Card (I-card) in terms of guideline 5(c) for issue of I-cards to dependents of ex-servicemen is violative of Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution.

Striking down the words "till married" in the guidelines for grant of I-card, while allowing a petition filed by Priyanka R Patil, daughter of an ex-serviceman from Mysuru who was killed in action, against denial of I-card, Justice M Nagaprasanna directed the Department of Sainik Welfare to issue the card to her. The Karnataka Examination Authority was directed to consider Priyanka's case under the ex-servicemen quota for the post of assistant professor, in terms of the notification dated August 26, 2021.

"The guideline after the age of 25 years is uniform for both son and daughter. The daughter, being less than 25 years, gets married and loses the benefit of being a ward of an ex-serviceman for purpose of issuance of an I-card... The son gets the benefit whether he is married or unmarried; the daughter gets the benefit only if she remains unmarried. Here lies the discriminatory choke, as the guideline portrays bias on the basis of gender; inequality on the basis of gender, as the marriage of the daughter takes away her right to get an I-card, and the marriage of a son does not take away his right to get an I-card. In the view of this court, if the son remains a son, married or unmarried, a daughter shall remain a daughter, married or unmarried. If the act of marriage does not change the status of the son, the act of marriage cannot and shall not change the status of a daughter," the court said.

Change 'men' to 'personnel'

The court observed that "women have reached combatant services in supervisory roles as officers and other responsibilities, be it in the Indian Army or Air Force or Navy. Therefore, the word 'men' in the title, a part of the word ex-servicemen, would seek to demonstrate a misogynous posture of an age-old masculine culture....There has to be a change in the mindset of the rule-making authority or the policy makers, it is only then there could be recognition of the commitment to the values of the Constitution..." It is for the Union government or State government to address this imperative need for a change of nomenclature wherever it depicts to be 'ex-servicemen' to that of 'ex-service personnel', the high court added.

54 institutions brought under BBMP's tax net

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AFTER the BBMP brought 20,000 residential properties under the 'commercial' category, by referring to the BESCOM records to get power connection to respective properties, the Palike's revenue department has brought 54 big educational institutions in its limits under the new Act for 100 per cent revenue collection.

According to BBMP Revenue Department Special Commissioner RL Deepak, as per the BBMP Act 2020, the buildings belonging to educational institutions need to pay 100 per cent tax from 2021.

"The buildings belonging to educational institutions are spread across eight zones of the BBMP. Earlier, they were exempted from 100 per cent tax, and were only paying 25 per cent. Now, under the rules and a separate clause, the tax exemption permit has been knocked out. For financial year 2021-22, BBMP hopes to earn Rs 150-200 crore additional revenue from these institutions," said Deepak.

Meanwhile, the Palike has prepared an Excel sheet that includes names of institutions, the BBMP zone, and details of owners. According to a source, some of the institutions belong to political leaders, across party lines. In January, a tabulation will be done and if it is found that the institutions have not cleared their tax dues, notices will be sent.

Besides, the annual tax collection from properties has reached Rs 2,726 crore till December 27, and the Palike hopes to breach the Rs 3,000-crore mark for the second straight term.

"For the first time in the history of BBMP, the property collection touched the Rs 3,000-crore mark in 2021, and people are still filing online. By December 31, 2022, more people may file. We hope to breach the Rs 3,000-crore mark this time as well," stressed Deepak.

DIVINE DOORWAY

Devotees pass through the Vaikunta Dwara at ISKCON temple in Rajajinagar, on the occasion of Vaikunta Ekadashi, in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

'Seat allocation will be hiked to benefit Dalits'

BENGALURU: Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Dr Jayakara S M said steps will be taken to increase seat allocation for the benefit of Dalits and other underprivileged sections of society. Speaking at the Bhima Koregaon Vijaya Diwas celebrations organised by the university at the Dr B R Ambedkar Studies and Research Centre, he said there were several instances in history, like the Battle of Koregaon, that depict success stories of the underprivileged.

Weight 'loss': Health centre told to pay techie

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Urban Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, comprising President K Shivarama and members KS Raju and Rekha Sayannavar, directed Namo Wellness to compensate a woman software professional, for whom even three months of weight reduction sessions at the fitness and health centre failed to bear results.

The weight reduction programme did not work for the 26-year-old woman, an Amazon staffer. Though she attended three sessions, her weight which was 101.5 kg as on November 22, 2020, rose to 101.8 kg as on January 19, 2021, and did not reduce as promised by Namo Wellness.

Accordingly, the commission told Namo Wellness to refund the complainant Rs 20,000, with 9 per cent interest, out of the Rs 50,000 paid by her, in addition to a payment of Rs 25,000, including Rs 15,000 as compensation and Rs 10,000 as litigation expenses. The commission observed that being a young working woman, the complainant has suffered emotional and mental agony due to the deficiency of service at the centre, as she opted for the weight reduction programme with many expectations, related to her future dreams and aspirations.

Court notice to BMTC over tender for new buses

The Karnataka High Court on Monday issued a notice to the BMTC and the Transport Department on a PIL filed by a physically-challenged person, questioning the tender invited for procuring new buses with 1,000-mm chassis height. A division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Ashok S Kinagi issued notice to them, after hearing the petition filed by Sunil Kumar Jain, a resident of Azadnagar in the city. He sought directions to prescribe the floor height of the buses to be between 400 mm and a maximum of 650 mm, and the doors of the buses to have wheelchair boarding devices for the physically-challenged and senior citizens. The BMTC recently invited tenders for the supply of 840 new BS-VI diesel-fuelled fully-built city-type buses.

Job market promising, but industry-academia partnership key

OVER the past couple of years, the labour market has been going through a transformation. The pandemic has rolled out new work models across the globe and India has not been an exception in terms of their adoption. The pandemic required Indian industry to adopt these dynamic changes at the workplace, and a major transformation was the adoption of a hybrid workforce.

Some of the work areas that one could never think of doing virtually, were adopted and the transition to the new normal was quite seamless, though it was slightly time-consuming. The positive facet is that the pandemic-induced new normal was adopted at a much faster rate than it would have been otherwise. This has proven to be beneficial for a lot of companies, setting up new business models, and with improved productivity and growth.

While these new models came with a lot of opportunities for growth within organisations, they also highlighted the significance of having effective employee engagement, and companies going forward will have to focus on strengthening the health and wellbeing of their employees.

Emerging Opportunities

Job markets in India look promising, especially in the manufacturing sector. Manufacturing is the strength of a developing economy, and it also addresses a key component of economic growth, which is job creation. Boosting the core manufacturing segments and MSME sector will further create employment potential and increase opportunities in the coming years. While we are at the cusp of industrialisation, we also need to realise the significance of having a strong industry-academia partnership, to promote growth opportunities and have students become 'future-ready' with the right skill-sets. Digital transformation is bound to change the look of job markets going forward, and the faster the workforce adapts to this new normal, the better employability rate the country poses.

Harnessing its demographic dividend would be an opportunity for India compared to its global peers, as we see that the world is ageing, while our country is still young in terms of talent. Quoting the India Skill Report 2023: "If India's demographic dividend is productively leveraged, growth prospects will brighten, helping it leapfrog its GDP from the current $3 trillion+ to double by 2030."

Measures to Aid Youth

The skill ecosystem in India is seeing some great reforms and policy interventions, which are reinvigorating and re-energising the country's workforce today; and preparing the youth for job and growth opportunities in the international market. The Prime Minister's flagship scheme, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), has till date seen close to 1.37 crore people get skilled and prepared for a new successful India.

ARJUN RANGA
Chairman, CII Karnataka

Various initiatives taken by the Union Government, including the PLI scheme, have started yielding results. Data from Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) over the past few years also highlights how much the government's policies regarding employment have improved the situation. The first half of the ongoing financial year (H1 FY23) saw 87.1 lakh new formal jobs being created across the country, according to EPFO data. This is a 35 per cent increase, compared to the year-ago period.

As India takes over the G20 Presidency, Indian industry's proactive participation through the B20 (Business 20) would bring in renewed strategy for businesses to strengthen global collaborations that will foster economic stability, progress and growth, thereby ensuring opportunities for youth to participate in the nation's growth story.

Given this, 2023 would be a very promising year for the country's youth to fulfil their career goals.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

03RD January : There's been more news recently about possible asteroid crashes. Most cultures have folk-memories of a cosmic catastrophe which hit the Earth at the dawn of history. It's possible that one comet-collision around 10,000 BC might actually have contributed to the end of the last ice-age and the emergence of human civilisation as we know it.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You may have to take the initiative, follow a generous approach and release someone from an agreement. If it's financial it probably concerns an unwise speculation. If it's a family matter, the person under the microscope should be a child or younger relative.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You've got a great deal on your plate, and if there's hard work to be done, try to get as much as possible completed as soon as you can. Your mood will change before long, probably because you'll become very much more aware of partners' feelings and needs.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There's a hint of friction in the air, but you could be partly responsible. Once you give way to impatience then you will forget that other people have interests of their own, which don't necessarily overlap with yours. A little bit of mutual respect would go a long way!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There's bound to be some opposition to your plans today, but nothing that can't be dealt with relatively easily. Everything revolves around your ability to take responsibility without flapping about or worrying that other people are undermining your efforts.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You can still charm potential partners, and even twist other people around your little finger, but not for much longer. So, if you've got important proposals to make, press ahead without delay. Partners will thank you if you show a bit of determination.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
By the end of the day you should be very much more aware of the need to discuss your feelings in detail. It's only by facing up to desires, hopes or fears that you normally try to ignore, that you'll get an important relationship back on the straight and narrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There is a great deal to say for being a little more extravagant than in the past. The last thing you want to do now is count your cash too closely, for that is the surest way to cut yourself off from new experiences. It goes without saying, of course, that you should stay within your means.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are about to become much more confident, but only briefly. Put yourself on the emotional starting line, ready to seize any passing personal opportunity as soon as the Moon alters its position. Stay alert and keep an eagle eye open for welcome invitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You'll begin to be aware that all is not as it should be. Any such doubts will be extremely useful, for this is nature's way of making you check very closely on every single arrangement and every minor detail. Even a close relationship could benefit from careful scrutiny.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
No doubt you have checked up on all the available social options, but you will have to wait a little while longer for others to get their act together. The planetary message is be patient, but be true to yourself. Some would say that there's nothing else you can do!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
The Sun is now challenging several planets, including Saturn. You will face old difficulties with fresh vigour, opening the way to much deeper self-understanding, and therefore to greater control over your affairs. A younger friend may come up with the best advice.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are used to living an independent life, and current planetary transits can only deepen and intensify your need to get on with your own affairs. Use the time wisely to get on with those personal ambitions that other people fail to understand, and keep distracting commitments to a minimum.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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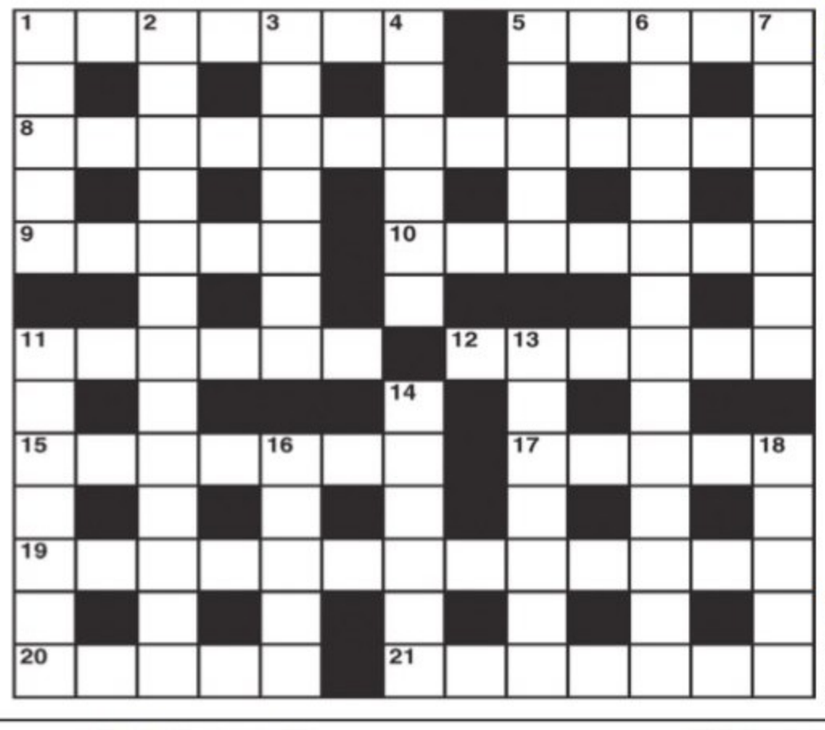

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Two points the police make compulsory (7)
5 Poe's a weird story teller (5)
8 Not an officer's training establishment apparently (7,6)
9 Swift portrayal of a brutish lout (5)
10 I am put in a ruined castle for a stretch maybe (7)
11 Work's returning; employ a partner (6)
12 A model employer (6)
15 Slight but not trivial offence (7)
17 He'll give support in return (5)
19 But his vocabulary is not necessarily limited (3,2,3,5)
20 Two boys of the queen (5)
21 One hears it being broken (7)

DOWN
1 Perhaps my pet needs feeding (5)
2 A soaring air trip? (6,2,5)
3 Concerning a boy's excuses (7)
4 The team emerges one by one (6)
5 Get a new car on account; but some capital required (5)
6 It's used by one who does evening work (9,4)
7 But Arctic fur doesn't come from it (7)
11 It's a handicap in a manner of speaking (7)
13 Restoration novel in authentic setting (7)
14 Capital A followed by S? (6)
16 Waste area of Falkland Islands (5)
18 I sell out of this thread (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Index, 8 Sandwich, 9 Screw, 10 Withdraw, 11 South, 12 Tea, 16 Barrow, 17 Pixies, 18 Owe, 23 Morse, 24 Went home, 25 Query, 26 Serve ill, 27 Beads.

Down: 2 Nicholas, 3 Electors, 4 Malice, 5 Idaho, 6 Fiery, 7 Shawl, 12 Two, 13 Ape, 14 Exposure, 15 Censured, 19 Wimple, 20 Awash, 21 Intro, 22 Wheel.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FORCE FLEET WEAKEN SLEIGH
Answer: The con man's favorite article of clothing was his — FLEECE SWEATER

BF.7.4 STRAIN FOUND IN SAMPLE OF CITY TECHIE?

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

A new Omicron sub-variant -- BF.7.4 -- was reportedly found in the genomic surveillance of an international traveller who arrived from Germany earlier in December.

The new strain belongs to the BA.5 family of Omicron, and was found in the sample of the Bengalurean. Health department officials are yet to confirm the new strain.

However, D Randeep, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare, maintained that no new variant was found.

"The 35-year-old man who returned from Germany tested positive in December, and as per protocol, his sample was sent for genomic sequencing. During analysis, we found the new strain, BF.7.4 which is a sub-lineage of the BA.5 family," sources in the health department told *TNIE*.

The techie has completely recovered, all his contacts were traced and tested and found negative, officials said, adding that the BF.7.4 strain is not dangerous.

"We have had cases of BA.5 in the past in the state, and BF.7.4 is not a variant of concern," health officials added.

Member of Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee maintained that there is no cause for worry as there is hybrid immunity (herd immunity and vaccine immunity). However, the member added that they will monitor how the situation evolves and take suitable measures accordingly.

6,000 daily tests planned in city

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DAYS after Christmas and New Year celebrations, BBMP has decided to increase the RT-PCR tests to 6,000 daily. The decision was taken in the wake of rising Covid cases and also due to some international travellers arriving in Karnataka and testing positive. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath told the media, "Earlier, 1,000-1,500 people were tested. As per guidelines, the number has increased to 6,000 Covid tests per day." If the number of positive cases does not rise, the number of tests will remain the same. He appealed to the public to get tested in case they suffer from any symptoms of Covid.

Commenting on the mask being made mandatory, he said, "We have not made it mandatory for people to wear masks outdoors, including during New Year celebrations. However, we have created awareness on the benefits."

BBMP Special Commissioner, Health, Dr K V Thrilok Chandra stated that the target of 6,000 includes tracing of primary and secondary contacts, persons with a history of comorbid conditions and cases of ILI and Sari.

Jayadeva to study effectiveness of booster dose

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICR) has decided to conduct a study to assess the effectiveness of the precautionary doses. In September 2021, SJICR had carried out a study in 250 health workers, including doctors and nurses, and found out that antibodies were intact in 99% of them after their second Covidshield dose. The upcoming study is aimed to scientifically assess the level of anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in those who have taken the booster shot. "There are two types of immune systems in the body — B and T cells. Of them, B cell immunity can be easily measured. Antibodies can wane 9-10 months after the second jab, and taking booster doses is recommended. To scientifically assess the level of antibodies in those who have taken booster doses, a study will be taken up with 250 workers at SJICR," said SJICR Director C N Manjunath, who is also member of the state's Clinical Experts Committee. Citing the previous study, he said the positive immune-response results had boosted the morale of health workers and motivated people to take up the vaccine. After the sudden surge in Covid cases in China and other countries, Karnataka ramped up administration of the booster dose. Booster dose coverage in the state is around 20-25%, Dr Manjunath said and added, "As the positivity rate is soaring, people are coming forward to take the booster dose."

Forest officials rescued a seven-year-old elephant from a khedda (a traditional method used to trap elephants) dug up by villagers near Hosakoppalu village of Sakleshpur taluk on Monday. The villagers had covered the trench with tree branches and bamboo leaves

THAT WINTRY FEEL

With a chill still in the air, people throng K Kamaraj Road to buy winter wear on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

Pay up ₹42K to customer, Flipkart told

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J Divyashree, a resident of Rajajinagar.

BANGALORE Urban District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission directed Flipkart Internet Private Limited to refund Rs 12,499 with 12 per cent interest per annum, and pay Rs 20,000 compensation along with Rs 10,000 litigation expenses to a complainant from the city for non-delivery of a mobile phone.

The Commission, comprising president M Shobha and member Renukadevi Deshpande, passed the order while partly allowing the complaint filed by

"Flipkart has received the entire amount from the complainant but failed to deliver the mobile phone booked by the complainant. Thereby they have committed deficiency of service, negligence and also unfair trade practice," the Commission said in an order passed ex-parte, as Flipkart remained absent though notice was served.

The Commission observed that the complainant suffered mental agony and financial loss, and is burdened with paying instalments, in view of non-delivery of the mobile phone within the expected date of delivery. Though the complainant paid the entire amount, Flipkart did not bother to deliver the mobile phone. The complainant had also contacted customer care several times. Therefore, the complainant is entitled to a refund of Rs 12,499 with interest, compensation of Rs 20,000 and legal expenses of Rs 10,000, the Commission added.

The complainant booked a mobile phone on January 15, 2022, costing Rs 12,499, which was expected to be delivered the very next day.

12-year-old Nigerian boy undergoes rare penile reconstruction surgery in city hospital

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A 12-year-old Nigerian boy's genital organs were successfully reconstructed at Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, in a rare and complex surgery.

"The boy had lost his external genitalia in a major road accident six years ago. He was a victim of multiple body injuries and had undergone amputation of his entire penis and right testes, owing to the accident. Since then, he was unable to pass urine normally and has been living with a catheter. He was going to school with the plastic bag hanging," said the Fortis Hospital spokesperson.

A multi-disciplinary team of doctors at the hospital, comprising paediatrician, endocrinologist, plastic surgeon, surgical gastroenterologist and paediatric intensive care unit (ICU) team led by Dr Mohan Keshavamurthy, successfully reconstructed his genital organs. The patient was discharged 10 days after the surgery. Dr Keshavamurthy is director, Urology, Uro-oncology, Uro-gynaecology, Andrology, Transplant & Robotic Surgery at Fortis Hospitals, Bengaluru, and chairman, Renal Sciences Specialty Council at Fortis Hospitals, India.

According to the hospital spokesperson, the boy was on a urethral catheter, had a weak bladder with less urine holding capacity which resulted in incontinence between routine catheterizations. He also had a history of two hemorrhages from damaged femoral blood vessels. "While doctors at his hometown managed the hemorrhages non-operatively, they could not conduct surgical reconstruction of the external genitalia, due to unavailability of the medical facilities/ infrastructure, post which he was referred to Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road," the spokesperson stated. Calling it a very "rare and complex procedure", Dr Keshavamurthy said that they had to do a cystoscopy to look inside the bladder using a thin camera, followed by a robot-assisted laparoscopic ileal augmentation of the bladder wherein the bladder was enlarged using a section of small intestine to protect the upper urinary tract and re-establish continence. It was done under general anaesthesia. The patient was then moved to the paediatric ICU for observation. Post successful completion of the first stage, hormonal replacement procedure was done. During the second stage, penile reconstruction was carried out," he explained. "The boy's urethral catheter was removed after the reconstructive surgery. He is currently doing well and has returned to his country. He will be returning after six months for the third stage of surgery," the hospital stated.

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To bring in gender equality, the Karnataka High Court held that exclusion of a married daughter for grant of an Identity Card in terms of guideline 5(c) for issue of ID cards to dependents of ex-servicemen is violative of Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution

Karjol says Goa cannot stop Karnataka after clearance by water commission

Will go ahead with Mahadayi: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WATER Resources Minister Govind Karjol on Monday stressed that Goa cannot prevent the Karnataka government from implementing the Mahadayi drinking water project on Kalasa-Banduri canals as the Mahadayi tribunal has awarded the state's share of water and it has been cleared by the Central Water Commission (CWC).

"Since the tribunal has given the award, none should object to it. The Goa government should realise that we are in a federal system. Since the central government has cleared the project and also notified it in the gazette, we will call for tenders in a month to execute the project. We don't need anybody's permission to implement it," he said in Bengaluru on Monday. The project, which aims to supply drinking water to the Hubballi-Dharwad region by utilising 3.9 tmcft of water, will be implemented within a year, he asserted.

Terming the Congress protest in Hubballi for the implementation of the Kalasa Banduri project as "ridiculous", he said the party did not take the initiative during the Siddaramaiah-led government in 2012-18. "People had staged a struggle for 1,080 days then, but except for sending those who were fighting for the project to jail, the Congress government did nothing," he said. When BS Yediyurappa was chief minister and KS Eshwarappa water resources minister, the bhoomi pooja was performed to build the link canal. But the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government built safety walls for the canals, he said. He detailed the efforts put in to get the project cleared from the Centre since 1987 when the then Karnataka government proposed to implement a hydro-electric project, but dropped it after objections from the Goa government. But on March 16, 1989, then chief minister SR Bommai met his Goa counterpart and proposed the project again, he explained.

"On April 30, 2002, the NDA government, led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, gave the approval in principle, but the then Congress government, led by SM Krishna, slept over it and did not act for five months. Goa approached the Centre with a complaint on July 9, 2002, under Section 3 of the Inter State River Water Dispute Act for the constitution of the tribunal and withdrawal of the 'in principle' clearance. But Goa managed to get a stay for the project from the Centre. During 2004 and 2014, the UPA government did not take the initiative to clear the stay in favour of Karnataka following which the tribunal was set up in 2010," he said.

He alleged that then UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi, during her poll campaign in Goa, had said that not a drop of Mahadayi water would be given to Karnataka.

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>
> — Govind Karjol

AAP: Clearance timed appropriately

The Aam Aadmi Party said the BJP has clearly fallen short of its grandiose claims regarding the efficacy of their 'double engine government'. The Central Water Commission clearance was timed appropriately ahead of the Assembly election in Karnataka. The BJP, therefore, ought not to gloat on the issue and instead make sincere efforts to provide drinking water to Hubballi-Dharwad region.

Siddaramaiah speaks at the Mahadayi convention in Hubballi | D HEMANTH

If voted, will complete project in 2 years: Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hubballi

NATIONAL and state Congress leaders descended in Hubballi on Monday for the Jal Jan meeting on the Mahadayi project and trained their guns on the BJP-led state government and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Attacking the CM, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah termed Bommai as the weakest CM of the state who becomes a "rat in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Unlike the Congress, the BJP has failed to fulfil the promises made to the people before the elections. The BJP had promised funds to the tune of Rs 1.5 lakh crore, but they have spent only Rs 45,000 crore. What happened to the rest of the money Mr Bommai?" he said after inaugurating the Mahadayi convention.

The former CM also said he had suggested Bommai not to take up demolition of the dargah in Hubballi in the interest of the Muslim community. "I had asked the CM to talk to the members of the Muslim community. But Bommai allowed the demolition under pressure from Union Minister Pralhad Joshi. The BJP can do such hate politics only for the next few months. The people of state are waiting to topple this government," Siddaramaiah said.

Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala said the BJP government has not taken necessary permissions from the ministry concerned for the Mahadayi project. "The BJP has come up with a project report as the state is heading for the polls. The state and central governments have done injustice to North Karnataka," he said.

Earlier, KPCC president D K Shivakumar said the BJP government is counting its last days. "Many farmers and artistes have struggled for Mahadayi. This is the main reason why they did not join the celebrations. The people of the state are fed up with the lies of the current BJP government. We will complete the Mahadayi project in two years after we come to power. We will earmark funds of Rs 1,000 crore for the project," he said.

Kateel tells cadre to discuss 'love jihad', not road work

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel kicked up a row on Monday by asking his party workers not to engage voters on discussions over roads and drainages (development), but instead tell them that only a BJP government can stop 'love jihad' by bringing a law against it.

Addressing party workers at 'Booth Vijaya Abhiyana', Kateel lashed out at the Congress and called it a "party of terrorists". "If (KPCC president) D K Shivakumar becomes the chief minister, then terrorists will have a field day," he said. Stating that 'love jihad' will flourish and laws against cow slaughter and religious conversion will be withdrawn if the Congress comes to power, he said people now have to choose between 'Nava Karnataka' and 'Land of Terrorism'.

Pointing out that Union Home Minister Amit Shah took a bold decision by banning the Popular Front of India (PFI) and Karnataka Forum for Dignity (KFD) following the murder of BJP worker Praveen Nettaru, Kateel said that if these organisations were not banned then Monappa Bhandary and Harikrishna Bantwal (BJP leaders) would have been dead by now.

He also said that senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah will be in jail over corruption by the next Assembly election. "Why didn't you (Congress) raise the issue of '40 per cent commission' and 'Pay CM' during the just concluded winter session. You didn't raise it because Kempanna is in jail. (D. Kempanna is the president of Karnataka State Contractors' Association who first made the charge of 40% commission against the government). Siddaramaiah shut Lokayuktya whereas we strengthened it. We asked them to lodge complaints with Lokayukya over corruption cases but they didn't. Tell people that Congress is a corrupt party and Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar are the most corrupt," he said.

Kateel predicted that the BJP would win 150 seats in the state Assembly elections which are 100 days away. "But our victory should be on the basis of our organisational strength. India should culturally transform and for that we should win in booths," he said.

Exuding confidence that the BJP will sweep all eight seats in Dakshina Kannada district, he said there was huge response to Amit Shah's tour in Vokkaliga dominated districts of Ramanagar, Hassan and Mandya.

BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel speaks at the Booth Vijaya Abhiyan in Mangaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

Meet voters 5 times, CM to workers

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URGING BJP cadres to strengthen the party at the booth level, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday told them to visit the household of each and every voter in their booths at least five times in the next three months.

"If we win the booth, we can win the constituency and if we win the constituency, we can win the state," he said at a Booth Vijaya Abhiyan.

Addressing party workers, the CM said booth-level organisation means two sided communication - to tell people about the party and to listen and resolve people's woes.

Laying out a blueprint on boosting booth organisation, the CM said meetings should be convened with key players in each booth. "A committee should be constituted with 10 such key players with each having members from Schedule Caste, Schedule Tribe, Other Backward Class, youth and women along with other professions. Each party worker should work relentlessly for the next three months. They should meet voters four times to highlight developmental works taken up by the state and Central governments and inform them about the ineffective policies of the Congress. They should then visit voters the fifth time seeking votes," he said.

Slamming the Congress, Bommai said it is fighting for its existence politically in the country. It is making all attempts to keep it alive. "Our party does not change its policy or ideas for the sake of politics," he said.

NALIN'S TARGET: BJP FLAGS ON 50 LAKH HOUSES, ENROL 50 LAKH WORKERS ACROSS STATE

Mangaluru: BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Monday exhorted party workers to work relentlessly for the next 100 days to bring the party back to power in the state. As part of the 10-day Booth Vijaya Abhiyana launched on Monday, he set several targets for party workers to achieve in the next few weeks. Kateel asked them to review booth committees, form WhatsApp groups in all booths and put up BJP flags on at least 25 houses in each booth. At least 50 lakh houses in the state should sport BJP flags in the next 10 days as a precursor to the formation of 'Nava Karnataka', he said. In the second phase, called Vijaya Sankalpa Abhiyana, which will be held from January 21 to 29, he asked the cadres to visit voters at their doorsteps to apprise them of the achievements of the BJP government, paste party stickers on the houses of their voters, achieve 16 lakh wall writings 'Ee Baari BJP Ge' (This time, its for BJP) and enrol 50 lakh people as party workers. Stating that MLAs, corporators and other elected representatives from the party should get actively involved in these exercises, he asked them not to take their seats for granted. "Many corporators have been sleeping for three years. Now, for the next three months, you should work for the party organisation. Now don't sleep. In 80 per cent of houses in Dakshina Kannada, the party flag should fly," he said. ENS

Congress in Goa slams Sawant govt for 'sell out'

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THE Goa Pradesh Congress hit out at the ruling BJP and demanded a special legislature session on Mahadayi. Congress appealed to Sawant to meet Modi immediately to get the approval given to Karnataka's DPR withdrawn in the larger interest of Goa.

Goa Forward president Vijai Sardesai said Sawant was appointed as chief minister only to sell out Mahadayi to Karnataka. "Sawant was never serious on Mahadayi. His predecessor (former CM Manohar Parrikar) had set up a full-fledged Mahadayi Office at Goa Niwas which is now shut," he said.

Goa Aam Aadmi Party convener Amit Palekar on Monday demanded that CM Sawant resign over his failure to save the Mahadayi river. "I give a call to all Goans and MLAs to join the movement to save our river Mahadayi. Everyone should unite," said Palekar.

Several leaders and environmentalists in Goa have been opposing the diversion of Mahadayi river waters (Mandovi river), which they claim is the lifeline of Goans.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi plays cricket at the outdoor stadium in Gadag town on Monday

Joshi: Centre within rights on note ban

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Gadag

UNION Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday said the Centre and Reserve Bank of India are well within their rights to demonetise currency. "But Congress leaders had hoarded black money and went to court with a complaint against the note ban," he said in Gadag town.

On Congress protesting over Mahadayi river water sharing with Goa, he said they ruled the country for over 50 years, but could not solve the problems. "In Goa, AICC president Sonia Gandhi said they will not give a single drop of Mahadayi water to Karnataka. So, we brought the issue to Parliament. We will build a canal to get our share of water. The Modi government will solve the issue," he said.

Joshi inaugurated a tournament of Gadag Cricket League at the outdoor stadium in Gadag town by batting for a while. PWD Minister CC Patil was present, while GCL organiser Anil Menasinkai thanked the Union minister.

BIZMAN'S SUICIDE: CM SAYS LAW WILL TAKE ITS COURSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said the law will take its course in the businessman suicide case in which BJP MLA Aravind Limbavalli has been named as an accused. Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, the CM said due process is being followed in the case. The police have registered an FIR against six persons, including Limbavali.

Meanwhile, Limbavali said he will cooperate with the probe. Addressing a press conference on Monday, Limbavali said, "Pradeep (the businessman) was our party (BJP) worker. During 2009 Lok Sabha polls, he had taken a social media contract for the party and later became a party worker at the ward level. In last June or July, he had come to my office during Janata Darshan and mentioned about dues some people owed him. He shared the contact numbers of the authorities of firms in which he had invested. I called them to check and they too agreed that Pradeep had invested. I told them to settle Pradeep's dues for which they sought time as it was Covid time. After 10 days, he came back again and said the issue was not resolved. I called them again and directed them to clear his dues."

Limbavali said he later met Pradeep at a foundation stone laying ceremony. "He told me the matter was resolved for which he even thanked me. Again in August this year, he called me on my mobile phone. This time he told me that he had some family problems. He said that his wife has filed a case in Bellandur police station. As it was a family matter, I will not give the details here. At that time, I had spoken to the police and intervened and asked them to speak to his wife and if she agreed, the case can be withdrawn. It ended up in a compromise," he claimed.

Limbavali claims that he spoke to Pradeep only on these three occasions. "Pradeep in his letter has explained the conversation he had with those who were supposed to give him money, but he has also sought an inquiry against me. I have done pro-people work and am ready to face the probe."

Limbavali, 5 others booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the suicide of a 47-year-old businessman, the Kaggalipura police of Ramanagara district registered an FIR against six persons, including BJP MLA Aravind Limbavali, and booked them for abetment of suicide.

Pradeep S had ended his life by shooting himself in his car at Nettigere village off Kanakapura Road on Sunday evening. He had left an eight-page death note in which he held six persons, including Limbavali, responsible for his death. His wife Namitha V filed a complaint based on which the police registered an FIR under Section 306 (abetment of suicide) of the Indian Penal Code.

Apart from Limbavali, Gopi K, Somaiah, G Ramesh Reddy, Jayaram Reddy and Raghava Bhat have been named as accused in the FIR. Meanwhile, the police have started the probe and are gathering technical evidence related to the case. "We have also sought information from banks concerned to share details about some of the bank account numbers Pradeep mentioned in the suicide note," a senior police officer said.

HDK appeals to Veerashaiva community to forgive him for not giving power to BSY

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

JDS senior leader HD Kumaraswamy, who is on pre-poll Pancharathna Yatra, tried to woo Veerashaivas by highlighting the alleged injustice meted out to Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa by BJP senior leaders.

BJP's top duo of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah have pushed Yediyurappa to the wall and the Basavaraj Bommai government is being controlled from Delhi, he said. It is unfortunate that Yediyurappa was humiliated as a chief minister when he could not meet the Prime Minister and leaders, he added.

Meeting Veerashaiava leaders in Mysuru, Kumaraswamy said the community should forget and forgive him for not transferring power to Yediyurappa during the BJP-JDS 20:20 government. "I made no mistake in transferring power, but I have been made a scapegoat. Both Yashwant Sinha and Deve Gowda held talks before the coalition government was formed, but till date, I am not aware of what they discussed. I was reluctant to sign the agreement as the government was not formed with the intervention of the BJP high command, but after an understanding with Yediyurappa. Though I changed my mind and wanted to sign the agreement, the government collapsed," he said.

"Yediyurappa was solely responsible for the growth of BJP in the state. What is the status and fate of Yediyurappa now? How is he being treated by the BJP high Command. It is high time that Veerashaivas supported the party candidates and helped groom young leaders from the community," he said.

"Yediyurappa had shared the agony he suffered in BJP and wanted to join JDS. I advised him against taking any hasty decision. As many leaders, including BJP MLAs from the Janata Parivar approached me, I went against the wishes of Deve Gowda and formed the government. But differences cropped over the transfer of officers and Janardhana Reddy's Rs 150 crore corruption charge against me," he said.

Kumaraswamy said he will start the Pancharathana Yatra in Bidar from January 8. "I hope that people, fed up with both Congress and BJP, are looking forward to JDS as an alternative and that many communities, including Veerashaivas, and other communities will support JDS," he said.

HD Kumaraswamy addresses a press meet in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYASHANKAR S

NHAI has invited bids to widen the Shiradi Ghat stretch of National Highway-75 into a four-lane road. Earlier, Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari had announced in December second week that that 26-km stretch would be made four-lane. Now, bids are invited on the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) mode

ATTACK ON SATHEESAN?

Tharoor at Nair event sparks row

ABHILASH CHANDRAN @Kottayam

THE Tharoor factor is back to rock Congress again after the Thiruvananthapuram MP visited the headquarters of the Nair Service Society (NSS) on Monday. **Shashi Tharoor** was in Perunna, Changanassery to inaugurate the 146th jayanthi celebrations of NSS founder Mannathu Padmanabhan.

Quoting Mannam, Tharoor said, "Mannathu Padmanabhan has said on many occasions that organising Nairs was a tough task as one Nair always found it difficult to accept another. Though Mannam said it around a century ago, I experience it in my political career even now."

There was no reference in the statement but it was interpreted as a veiled attack on leader of opposition VD Satheesan, while also putting some from the Nair community on the defensive. Other senior leaders like KV Venugopal and Ramesh Chennithala also belong to the Nair community. However, Tharoor dismissed reports he was referring to Satheesan. "In fact, I quoted Mannathu Padmanabhan. It is a fact that I have had to face such experiences on several occasions. But I didn't mean any particular person," Tharoor said.

By according him a rousing reception at its headquarters, the NSS has obliquely declared its wholehearted support for Tharoor, who is eyeing a bigger role in state politics. NSS general secretary G Sukumaran Nair said, "I had called Tharoor a 'Delhi Nair', when he was contesting Lok Sabha polls in 2009. We invited him to this function to correct that mistake. He is not a Delhi Nair, but the son of Kerala."

Nair's praise for Tharoor comes at a time when he has a strained relationship with Satheesan, after launching a scathing attack on Satheesan. He also attended a function at Satheesan's constituency, Paravoor. Moreover, Satheesan skipped Mannam jayanthi this time. Later speaking to mediapersons, Satheesan welcomed Nair's praise for Tharoor. KC Venugopal dismissed reports of rift in Congress and said the party is united.

Guards, CCTVs for sandalwood trees soon

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

FOR the first time in Karnataka, the state tree- Sandalwood- will get special state protection. To protect the trees from poachers growing in clusters and to increase their numbers in the state, the state government has decided to give special protection, and the decision is part of the sandalwood policy, which is in its final stages before implementation.

As per the policy, the trees which are growing in 100 hectares area and with good girth, will be given special protection. "These areas will be zero tolerance zones. The area will be closely guarded 24 hours with special armed security, dog squads and CCTVs. Such protection is given to sandalwood trees in Marayoor in Kerala," a senior forest department official told TNIE. Under the policy, those who are caught poaching and found guilty, will have to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 7-10 years.

He said that each tree and the cluster will be tracked by GPS to keep a round the clock vigil and geo-mapping their location.

"Our state tree is sandalwood, but the numbers are declining due to multiple reasons. Plantations have reduced as many were unwilling to do it because of felling permission. Guarding and protecting the trees were also a major challenge, despite sandalwood being declared as a state tree. Now, with the state cluster identification and protection, the number will increase," the official said.

So far, 20-30 such blocks have been identified. These trees are around 30 years old and some have a girth of over 45cm. According to the state forest department data, there are at least two in every district. To declare a cluster, not just the area but the number of trees would also be considered.

Stay on notice to Santhosh, 3 others extended

ENS @ Hyderabad

JUSTICE K Surender of the Telangana HC on Monday extended the stay on notices issued under Section 41A of the Civil Procedure Code, to BL Santhosh, Tushar Vellapally, Jaggu Swamy and Bhusarapu Srinivas, an advocate from Karimnagar, till January 23.

The petitioners filed a lpetition before Justice Surender, seeking an extension of the stay on the notices that were sent to them by the SIT in the MLAs poaching case. The notices expired on December 30, 2022.

During the arguments, senior attorney D Prakash Reddy said the prosecution could not provide any evidence against Santhosh, Tushar Vellapally, Jaggu Swamy and Bhusarapu Srinivas as per the findings of the 1st Additional Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB cases in Hyderabad, who rejected the memo filed by the SIT.

SIDDESHWARA SWAMIJI PASSES AWAY, AGED 82

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayapura

SIDDESHWARA Swamiji, one of the prominent Lingayat seers in the state, passed away at his Gyanayogashrama on Monday night. The 82-year-old seer was suffering from age-related complications and also had difficulty in breathing for the past few days. The seer was being treated at his ashram by a team of doctors. He largely remained confined to his room in the ashram.

Known for his simplicity, the seer was popular for his sermons in which he raised issues related to the common man. Many of his devotees found solace in his sermons. He even politely refused to accept funds from the government for his ashram. He also declined the Padma Shri award, the prestigious civilian award given by the Central government.

Deputy Commissioner Vijaymahantesh Dannmmanavar in a press release stated that the last rites of the seer would be performed at the ashram itself at 5:00 pm Tuesday. His body would be kept at the ashram for public to pay their tribute and later in the noon, his mortal remains would be taken in a procession to Sainik School in Vijayapura to enable public to pay their last respects till 4 pm. The district administration has declared a holiday for schools, colleges and government offices in Vijayapura district on Tuesday.

"Paramapujya Sri Siddheshwara Swami Ji will be remembered for his outstanding service to society," tweeted PM Narendra Modi. CM Basavaraj Bommai said, "Deeply saddened to learn of the passing away of the most venerable Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji of Jnana Yogaashrama, Vijayapura, who worked to uplift mankind through his discourses."

A devotee on Sunday offered a diamond-studded golden crown worth Rs 2 crore to Lord Venkateshwara at Sri Venkata Krishna Kshetra in Arizona, USA. This shrine was established by Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Puthige Mutt, Udupi, under the auspices of Sujnana Religious and Charitable Foundation (SRCF). Devotee Anila and her family contributed the diamond-studded golden.

IN LIT MOOD

Preparations on for the 86th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana which will be held between Janurary 6 and 8 in Haveri on Monday

Stampede: TDP accused of flouting norms, 1 detained

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guntur

A DAY after three women lost their lives in a stampede at a public event by TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu in Guntur, the organiser of the event was booked for culpable homicide not amounting to murder on Monday. Guntur police reportedly took Vuyyuru Srinivas, Managing Director of Vuyyuru Foundation, into custody for questioning.

Norms violated

The cops pointed out that several norms were flouted at the TDP event on Sunday. Guntur police said it had issued a conditional permit for the meeting after the TDP's Guntur parliament constituency president Tenali Sravan Kumar applied for the event. Though police gave permission for 10,000 people only, the organisers mobilised nearly 30,000 beneficiaries for the event. While dismissing TDP's claim that the event wasn't organised by them, police said that permission for using loud speaker was sought by Sravan Kumar. In the permission given for using loud speaker, the police had clearly mentioned that the organisers should take all necessary precautions to construct the dias and that if anything happened, the organisers would be held responsible for the lapses.

Moreover, Guntur Superintendent of Police Arif Hafeez dismissed the allegations of the TDP leaders that the state government and police department were responsible for the tragedy. He said that about 200 police personnel were deployed for security. As soon as the incident happened, the police rushed to the counters and saved several women and shifted them to hospital.

According to police, Vuyyuru Foundation, a non-profit organisation, organised the distribution of NTR Janata clothes and Chandranna Sankranthi Kanuka for over 30,000 women with Naidu as the chief guest. Soon after Naidu left the premises, the organisers asked the women to return back to their homes without giving the kits. Following which, the women beneficiaries, who have been waiting in queue for over five hours, got restless and rushed to the counters leading to stampede. While three women -- G Ramadevi, Sayyad Asiya, and Shaik Bibi -- died in the stampede, as many as 17 others reportedly got injured. Out of those hurt, four women are still in critical condition.

'Naidu's publicity stunt claimed 3 lives'

Launching a scathing attack against TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, former minister Kodali Sri Venkateswara Rao (Nani) lashed out at him for starting 2023 "with killing innocent people." Nani alleged, "It's Naidu's craze for publicity that led to the deaths."

TDP Politburo member demands CBI probe

Demanding a CBI probe into the Guntur stampede, TDP politburo member Varla Ramaiah suspected the role of sleeper cells belonging to the ruling YSRC behind the incident. Ramaiah questioned why the incident took place only after Naidu left the venue, although 200 police personnel were on duty.

Victim blocked accused's number: Mom

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"THE assailant has been shifted to Bowring Hospital, where he underwent a surgery and remains critical. We are probing the case from all angles," the SP added.

The brutal murder on the University campus shook hundreds of students and faculty members who were present. Questions are being raised about the safety of students as an outsider entered the campus and committed such a gruesome act.

Layasmitha's mother Rajeshwari said her daughter had joined the college just about a month ago. "There are many security guards at the college. What were they doing? How did he (Kalyan) enter the college?" she questioned.

Layasmitha and Pawan Kalyan

She said that she had spoken to her daughter at 8 am, hours before she was murdered. "He (Kalyan) is our distant relative. On Sunday night, I got to know that he had put a DP of my daughter on his WhatsApp number and I asked my daughter about it. She told me she had blocked his number," Rajeshwari said. Rajanukunte police have registered a case.

When contacted, Presidency University registrar-in-charge Abdul Bari A said that the college and university have been told by the police not to share any information about the incident as it may affect the probe.

Meanwhile, Presidency College's in-house counsellor Bhama Suresh denied that any such incident had occurred at all.

EXPRESS READ

20 students injured as school bus turns turtle

UDUPI : A school bus carrying 40 students and teachers veered off a road in Pajegudde-Nallur near Karkala on Monday morning and turned turtle, injuring 20 students and three teachers. Locals rushed to the rescue of the students and teachers. The injured students and teachers were sent to a nearby hospital. The students are from Basaveshwara High School of Kottur taluk of Vijayanagara district. The students and their teachers in the bus were travelling from Dharmasthala to Udupi via Bajagoli- Karkala.

Saji Cherian: Guv likely to take a call today

T'PURAM: Governor Arif Mohammed Khan is likely to seek additional clarification from the CM on the legal aspects of Saji Cherian's cabinet entry. The governor may seek a report from the CM on Tuesday. Based on the explanation he will take a final call on Wednesday. Sources said what provoked the governor was the unilateral action from the CMO, informing the Rajbhavan on the preferred date of swearing-in.

No special treatment, BJP to focus on all 20 LS seats in Kerala

K S SREEJITH @T'Puram

SWITCHING its poll strategy for 2024, the BJP has decided to no longer focus on select Lok Sabha constituencies in Kerala. Instead, it will give equal importance to all 20 seats, in a move that signals the start of BJP's electioneering for the 2024 LS elections in Kerala.

Until now, the party used to put all its energy and resources into six A-grade LS constituencies, where it had better chances of winning, but the party central leadership asked the state unit to do away with the practice.

BJP national general secretary Dushyant Kumar Gautam, who reaches the state this month, will attend leadership meets and take stock of the situation.

The BJP state leadership had selected Thiruvananthapuram, Attingal, Pathanamthitta, Mavelikara, Thrissur and Palakkad as A-grade constituencies, based on the votes it polled there. BJP had also appointed leaders in-charge of these constituencies.

In each of the six constituencies, BJP polled over 2 lakh votes in the 2019 elections. In Thiruvananthapuram and Pathanamthitta, its vote share crossed three lakh. However, BJP failed to win even a single seat in the state despite generous support from the central leadership. It was against this backdrop that the central leadership, after talks with the state unit, decided to change the strategy.

"Electioneering in other constituencies was neglected while concentrating on the six seats. Leaders and workers focused on the six constituencies and money was pumped primarily into the places," a BJP leader told TNIE.

"There are about 35 assembly constituencies in Kerala where BJP has over 30,000 votes each. By concentrating only on the six LS seats, the party's vote share in the rest of the constituencies, LS and assembly, decreased," he said.

CONSTITUENCIES DIVIDED INTO NEW CLUSTERS

The BJP has divided the six erstwhile A-grade constituencies into two clusters, each having three seats, and made two national leaders in charge of each cluster. While Shobha Karandlaje will be in charge of Thiruvananthapuram, Attingal and Pathanamthitta, the Bhagwant Khuba will oversee Mavelikara, Thrissur and Palakkad seats. The remaining clusters and leaders in-charge will be finalised at the meeting led by Gautam. BJP has also appointed 20 state-level leaders in charge of constituencies.

NY PARTY

Three youth drown in Tungabhadra, search on

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

THREE youths, who had gone swimming on January 1 evening, reportedly drowned in the Tungabhadra river in Mudenoor village of Ranebennur taluk on Monday. The Halagere police have filed a case, and launched a search operation for the trio, which was halted on Monday due to bad light. It will resume on Tuesday morning.

The youths are Naveen Kurugounda and Vikas Patil, both aged 20, are residents of Mudenoor village while Prem Bora (25), hails from Nepal. The villagers said that five youth went for a swim in the river, and one of them started drowning. To save him, two of his friends jumped into the river, and failed to come out.

Police and villagers at the spot where the youth drowned | EXPRESS

"All three drowned. We both swam and reached the shore," said one of the youths. "The friends had a New Year party on Sunday and tried to swim in the evening," said police.

Three killed in separate accidents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THREE people died in three separate accidents on the outskirts of the city on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road. The victims were on their way to celebrate New Year when the accidents happened. Four persons sustained injuries in these accidents.

Two of the deceased had told their family members that they would be visiting temples first and then party. The third victim, Prasad, a resident of Sunkadakatte had gone with a group of friends in a car and was killed when the car toppled due to overspeeding near Basavagangothri in Kumbalagodu area.

The injured are Manjunath, Sashidhar, Chetan Kumar and Naveen, all employees of a private firm.

A complaint has been registered against the driver of the car, Naveen.

The injured are undergoing treatment. Two of them have sustained multiple fractures. The incident happened around 12.30 pm on Sunday.

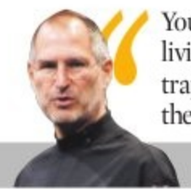
In the other accident which took place on NH 75 on the Nelamangala-Kunigal Road, 19-year-old Kushant Reddy, a second year BTech student studying in a city-based engineering college, was killed on the spot after he fell down from his bike. Reddy's classmate Madhu Mohan who was riding pillion sustained multiple injuries. Both were going to Shravanabelagola in the wee hours of Sunday when the incident took place around 5.50 am.

In another accident near Sadahalli on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, 21-year-old Ravi Kiran of Srinagar succumbed to his injuries at a hospital.

The victim, was going to a temple in Kanakapura along with a group of friends.

Among his friends, one of them who was overspeeding rammed the victim's two wheeler that was in the front. Kiran, who lost balance and fell on the road, sustained serious injuries. He was rushed to a nearby hospital and from there to another hospital in the city where he succumbed to his injuries. Further investigations are on.

EDITORIAL



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Steve Jobs

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— Ramnath Goenka

INDIA SHOULD BRACE FOR PANDEMIC-LED SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS

For three years now, haunting visuals of surging Covid-19 infections and cold-blooded cremations in China have become common around this time. The havoc unleashed thereof seldom stays within China, and like water, the virus outbreak finds its way globally, border shutdowns or not, every single time. What follows in weeks and months ends as a global healthcare and economic collapse of varying proportions. The scars from the past two years have barely begun healing, and the speed with which the infections are rising is unnerving households and economies yet again. Like in the past, the latest health emergency in the world's second-largest economy, commanding 18% of the global GDP, is likely to leave some damage on trade and supply chains. But unlike in the past, the prevailing backdrop makes it all the more disastrous. Given the high inflation, rising interest rates and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, 2023 will begin its journey on a rather nervous note.

If the pandemic has had any lesson besides highlighting public healthcare sector inadequacies, it's the world's over-reliance on China, a country with which the global supply chains are tied to the hip. Several countries like Vietnam, Thailand, India, Malaysia and Taiwan began positioning themselves as China's alternative, but the truth—which economies too have come to realise—is that reducing the dominance of the Asian dragon takes immense time, money and manpower. Given that efforts are already afoot, chances are that feared logistics and shipping delays may not be as detrimental as in the past. What's certain, though, is that some amount of disruption is unavoidable, particularly for neighbouring countries like India.

India is heavily dependent on intermediate and capital goods from China, and the fear of supply disruptions has already gripped traders. Among others, the Indian pharmaceutical industry is heavily dependent on China for active pharmaceutical ingredients (API), intermediates and bulk drugs. While companies are placing advanced orders even at a 25% premium to avoid production delays and drug shortages, they may face a margin squeeze and increase drug prices. Other sectors at risk include the automobile and electronics industries, which import critical parts from Chinese suppliers. On the other hand, a domestic demand dip in China could impact Indian exports as well. As it is, one-fourth of our economic output was lost to Covid in FY21, so it's essential for India to remain vigilant.

ODISHA MUST SHARPEN ANTI-CORRUPTION VIGIL

The Odisha government's anti-corruption bureau is making waves. In the month that just went by, it searched the premises of the joint manager of Idcol, a state PSU which was long divested. The executive was found to own cash estimated at a staggering ₹1 crore, besides other assets. The state vigilance teams had a tough time calculating the money parked in over a dozen bank accounts the public servant maintained. Days later, the agency raided the deputy collector of a district whose wealth stood close to 200% over his rightful earnings. He and his family had over seven properties and at least 11 plots in their names.

One look at the vigilance wing's achievement would show it booked 200 government officials for alleged corruption last year. In 2021, the state logged the highest number of disproportionate asset cases in the country, and the same feat is likely to be repeated the following year. In short, the Odisha government's strident stand against corruption and those indulging in it is laudable. CM Naveen Patnaik's "zero tolerance to corruption" remains one of the pillars of his clean and transparent governance. At least 187 public servants across the administrative hierarchy have been dismissed or served compulsory retirements, leaving the state's corrupt babus quivering in their boots.

Yet the tainted continue to raise their ugly heads in the top echelons of the administration. At least 20% of those booked by vigilance last year were Class-I officers, and their number is rising year on year. The fact that more and more babus find themselves in the net certainly points to the government's intent to act against the corrupt. Still, at the same time, it also reveals that the system is relentlessly breeding dishonesty at the top of the pyramid, which must worry the administration. The disproportionate assets that the state vigilance had unearthed in 2021 were pegged at ₹107 crore, which jumped to over ₹174 crore last year. Anti-corruption agencies can perform the task of an enforcer or, at best, a watchdog, but the real problem lies in the system. That the internal vigilance mechanism of administrative departments and their respective wings is dotted with holes is not a happy state of affairs. And the government must do a clean job of it.

QUICK TAKE

LEARNING *BHARATIYA* GAMES

The government is to push indigenous (*Bharatiya*) games in schools as part of the Indian Knowledge Systems initiative. Trained teachers will prepare students for tournaments in 75 Indian games, including gilli danda, yubi lapki, kabaddi, archery, wrestling and chess. The exercise is similar to the promotion of mother-tongue teaching and Hindi textbooks and has the potential to become controversial. The Hindi vs English row could translate to, say, kabaddi vs cricket in sports. The government must clarify if learning is mandatory or voluntary, if it will create an infrastructural backup to promote them nationally, and continue to encourage non-*Bharatiya* sports.

The fact remains that life is always lived in denial. Denial of the fact that the end reality is death. In that sense, the key question to ask is if we are truly living

2023 HAS ROLLED IN, NOW CELEBRATE LIFE FOR WHAT IT IS

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December is a happy month of gifts—I get a whole host of planners and diaries, the odd tie, Christmas cakes, New Year goodies and this and that! This year, I got a different gift altogether. On the second day of December, a ready-to-make 'Chaat Kit' landed up at my desk. This was as "desi" as it could get. A big, delightful box with every dry and mildly wet item that goes onto a plate of delicious chaat was here for me to embark on a 'Do it yourself' concoction.

As I checked into the delightful crevices of every partition in the box, there were as many as 26 items in it, each diligently labeled. The instruction leaflet told me that I had to get some fresh stuff organised whenever I wanted to make a plate. This included boiled potatoes, freshly cut tomatoes and coriander.

Literally every alternate evening this December, when work was done and everyone had left, I would get my office helper to boil the potatoes, chop the tomatoes and coriander leaves and bring me a plate to put it all together. The target was to finish the box. I went at it diligently as well.

There was a problem though. The ingredients were just too many. For someone who has not been much of a cook, this was a challenge. On day one, I took the route of taking a little bit of everything and putting it all together. The output was not bad at all.

On day two I got clever. I noticed the quantity of each ingredient was not in the same measure. It varied in size of the slot provided for each ingredient. Each powder varied in quantity, as did the chutneys and the big block of date relish. I decided to follow the path of scientific thinking and use ratio and proportion as the norm. The end result turned out to be more delicious than ever.

On day six I ran out of three ingredients due to my earlier largesse of use. I used what was available, and the 'chaat' tasted nice. But different. This went on till I exhausted the box and the patience of my office helper-cum-boiler of potatoes, slicer of tomatoes and chopper of coriander leaves. Importantly, every day, the 'chaat' tasted different. But nice. I liked what I put together every day though.

As I sat ruminating on life in the last days of the year gone by, and as I craft this piece today, I am thinking of life more and more. Life is just like this, isn't it really? Life is a delightful plate of 'chaat'. It has a mix of many ingredients, and each comes in different quantities at different points of time. Each adds a dimension of taste to life itself. It all depends on the ratio and proportion of ingredients that strike the plate and eventually the palate.

At the beginning of a fresh new year, my 'chaat box' experience is telling me things. Telling me that every experience is a valuable ingredient that goes into making life what it is for each of us.

Sometimes the ingredients are just not available, and yet we make do. Sometimes we err, and yet make do. Sometimes we get lucky, and we strike it hard. And sometimes we run out of luck, and still we survive. The resilience of the human persona is really something.

Life is then a delicious plate of yummy 'chaat'. Each of us makes it on our own. While the ingredients are reasonably common, every plate of 'chaat' is as different as the one who made it. Life is delicious.

Just to establish that I have not gone bonkers with my thoughts, let me add the dimension of a casual research exercise I have been spending some time on over the last two years.

Whenever I have the time, I have been meeting people and asking them one simple question: If you knew you had just one year to live, how would you live that year? Would you live it differently than now? At a different pace? With a different set of priorities? With differentiated investments of time, passion and money?

I have asked 211 people this till date. I have asked this to the cab drivers who ferry me up and down the different cities I visit, the housekeeping staff at the hotels I have stayed at, professional colleagues who travel with me on road journeys, CXOs of every variety and age, and students.

Many have taken time to answer, for the question itself seems to put them at apparent unease. But answers I have received. And every one of those answers indicates a completely different way of living; at times, a diametrically opposite way of living from mine. And that is the shocker. Why do we live the way we do despite the fact that we do know that life is finite? After all, each of us has an expiry date, don't we? And yet we don't want to think of that date at all because we plan how to live the remaining days of our lives. Makes us discomfited. Makes us squirm.

The fact remains. Life is always lived in denial. Denial of the fact that the end reality is death. To that extent, the key question is, are we living? Or are we dying, one day at a time? Life is really a scale. While some scales are longer, some are shorter. There is a clear beginning and a clear end. And the fact is that no one really knows whose scale is shorter and whose is longer. And by how much.

In some cases it is a terminal illness without a cure. In some cases it has been a sudden bout of a nasty virus that just did not let go. What happens when the alarm clock of mortality goes off all of a sudden? Do we get jolted, and how? And how do we really react? And do we then look at life and all its joys and sorrows differently? And is that when we plan to really live life the way it must and is meant to be lived? Why wait for that mortality alarm to go off? In many cases it is these crazy questions that crazy guys like me have asked 211 people who have come my way.

Why wait? Live life now, for what it is. Life is delicious. Eat it.

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THE LAAL SINGH CHADDHA MOMENT IN INDIAN POLITICS

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Another year. And the heartburns and the headaches from the last continue. Comrades, the hangover is the party. And it never ends. 'Birth, and copulation, and death,' as the poet said. Add to it politics. That pretty much sums it up. But, still, the India of 2023 is not likely to be the India of 2022. Nine state elections are coming up: Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Telangana, Jammu and Kashmir. Is the Congress ready for it? No. They are watching Rahul Gandhi walk: someone has found his feet.

In Tripura, Meghalaya, and Nagaland, the BJP is in power on its own or in alliance with local parties. In Karnataka, the BJP leads. In Chhattisgarh, the Congress is in power. In MP, it was first the Congress and now the BJP. In Mizoram, it is neither the BJP nor the Congress but the Mizo National Front. In Rajasthan, it is the Congress Party despite the best attempts by the BJP. In Telangana, a local party, Bharat Rashtra Samithi, led by K Chandrashekar Rao, is sitting pretty—for the moment. The states of Jammu and Kashmir are under the president's rule, which means the BJP writ goes. The results of polls in these states, though, will pretty much indicate how the 2024 general elections will turn out. It will also test the real political dividends of Rahul Gandhi's walk.

The single event that might yet change Indian politics happens to be the discovery of one man, Rahul Gandhi. He has found out that walking is injurious to his enemies. His Bharat Jodo Yatra will resume its UP phase today (January 3), after a week's break in Delhi. The reinvention of Rahul Gandhi is the Laal Singh Chaddha moment in Indian politics.

In a recent speech, Rahul Gandhi said he was trying to set up a shop of love in the bazaar of hate—*"Nafrat ke bazaar mein mohabbat ki dukaan khol raha hoon"*. Suddenly we have in our midst a poet-hero. The walk, the beard, the Sufi sentiments. But are these sufficient? Indeed, as P G Wodehouse asked: When is sufficient enough?

Last week in Delhi, Rahul Gandhi held a press conference where he said that the Narendra Modi government's record on employment generation, GST, unimaginative educational philosophy, and his government's stand on the China issue were not up to the mark. For instance, the latest report released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy says unemployment hit a 16-month-high of 8.3%. But these hard issues are so much in focus as a 'new vichar dhara', which is about love and unity, as represented by the *yatra*. And through it, he has brought the long-missing thing since the Gandhian days—the body—back into politics. The elimination of distance between the hero and the crowd.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is determined to develop India into a modern nation. Almost all his speeches list unprecedented developmental activities. But as a leader, either because of security concerns or because of conventions of the mystique of power, there is always a distance between him and the crowd, which he tries to bridge with his communication skills.

ANI

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Rahul Gandhi has, wisely, decided to go the other way—if only because he could not match the oratory of the prime minister. But surely there is a reactive, contrarian strategy in it. He has concluded that he would be doing precisely the opposite of the BJP. So, instead of development, he talks about love. Instead of distance, he swears by proximity. Instead of shaving or trimming his beard, he lets it grow. Instead of jackets and coats, he wears a T-shirt. Instead of standing, he walks. This is politics, but the politics of a Sufi. Recall the singing and dancing that the BJY frequently breaks into.

But sooner or later, this will need to change. Rahul Gandhi and his party will need a clear economic vision. The prime minister and his team constantly talk about the Hindu version of a Europeanised India. This is a dream. Or a myth, if you will. India is far, far behind the poorest European nation. And realistically speaking, there is just no way India will ever catch up, not in 100 years. The streets of a London or Paris suburb in the early 19th century still look more beautiful and orderly than Okhla or Ghaziabad of the 21st. It's not the place, it's the race.

But no politician can afford to say this. The dream must be kept alive. So, sooner or later, Rahul Gandhi will have to negotiate the chimera of development and low life indices, the common lot of the average Indian. For now, he says he sees to the *yatra*. But this is precisely when the think-tank in the Congress must be working on an economic plan.

It is doubtful if the Congress can improve upon the welfare policies and their execution, as Nalin Mehta shows in his book, *The New BJP: Modi and the Making of the World's Largest Political Party*. But there can be clear, practicable measures in many other aspects (tax, infrastructure, health, and education). Some of it would be useful in the impending state elections. In these states, the party under Mallikarjun Kharge should be having talks by now with the regional opposition parties, and the local bodies of the Congress should be capitalising on the goodwill that Rahul Gandhi has created.

Failing which the BJY will be one of those mystic efforts that will fizzle out to become a talking point of the futile but righteous woke-liberal crowd: 'In the room the women come and go/Talking of Michelangelo…' The casual, endless conversations on the great might-have-beens. Nostalgia is their way of owning up; by turning dreams into nostalgia, they have the illusion they are the few that can feel. The sensitive, and therefore, the superior people.

If Rahul Gandhi has to turn his walk into votes, the picnic nature of it must cease, at least in Srinagar. That speech must spell out what comes after love. His party should be working on it by now. The morning after love is when doors close with a bang.

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Remembering Kalidasa

The column by Renuka Narayanan *A tale of devotion to remember for the ages* (Jan 2) on Kalidas is exciting and enlightening. Kalidas, a great poet and playwright of Sanskrit, is more popular due to his obscure life story than his magnificent plays or epic poetry. A poet and playwright of his calibre and quality can scarcely be foolish.

Hullasa Behera, Bhubaneswar

Gripping column on Kalidasa

The lovely column *A tale of devotion to remember for the ages* (Jan 2) on Kalidasa is an interesting and informative coverage of all important facets of his life. The Shakuntala story is gripping.

Laxmi Subrahmanyam, email

Power of prayer

Renuka Narayanan's columns are always thought-provoking. The inspiring tale of Kalidasa in *A tale of devotion to remember for the ages* (Jan 2) reveals that prayer is efficacious; one is instantly reminded of the powerful words of Alfred Tennyson: "More things are wrought by prayer. Than this world dreams of."

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Banks are to blame

The observation in *Banks bear brunt of IBC's quick resolutions* (Jan 2) is off the mark. It's the banks themselves that allow erosion of security values by being imprudent in the follow up of advances, resulting in poor recovery. The RBI says the IBC receives resolution proposals with low liquidation values. It's a huge financial irregularity perpetually happening in the country with the connivance of the Central government.

Athulya M, Hyderabad

New Year mishaps

It is very sad to read *Businessman shoots son's friend, dies of heart attack* (Jan 2) and *Road accidents snuff out 9 lives on New Year's day* (Jan 2). Many more mishaps might have gone unreported. Celebrations are alright, but they should not exceed limits. The concept that only the consumption of alcohol rings in the New Year has got to go. No one may accept it, but alcohol may have played a role in such incidents.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Major safety lacunae

In Kochi, people almost got crushed in the crowd that had gathered to witness the burning of *Pappanji*, a huge part of Kerala's New Year celebration. The Sankranti gift programme in Guntur also turned tragic. Lack of safety and the utter disregard for life and property cause such tragedies. It is perhaps the symptom of a growing economy.

Varughese Cherukattu Thomas, Thiruvalla

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
We want to tell the PM why don't you celebrate 'Demonetisation Day'. If demonetisation was a success, we challenge the BJP why don't they celebrate 'Demonetisation Day'?

John Brittas @JohnBrittas
The SC has refrained from examining the fallout of #demonetisation and hence GOI cannot say it's exonerated.

Gautam Gambhir @GautamGambhir
Visuals are shocking. Skin from the back of victim was completely scraped off. Those who dragged & killed girl with their car are cold blooded murderers.

BJP is playing with fire on quota issue, says Bhupesh Baghel

Chhattisgarh chief minister accuses BJP of stalling reservation for weaker sections by using Raj Bhavan that has withheld assent to two bills

Chhattisgarh chief minister **Bhupesh Baghel** is locked in a bitter battle with Governor Anusuiya Uikey over two reservation bills — Chhattisgarh Public Service (SC-ST-OBC Reservation) Amendment Bill and Chhattisgarh Educational Institutions (Reservation in admission) Amendment Bill passed unanimously by the assembly. The two bills seek to provide 32% reservation for the Scheduled Tribes, 27% to Other Backward Classes, 13% to Scheduled Castes and 4% to the Economically Weaker Sections. The governor has withheld assent to the bills and has shot off 10 questions, seeking to know the basis on which the quotas have been fixed. Baghel has accused the BJP of stalling reservation for weaker sections by using the Raj Bhavan. He spoke to **Shahid Faridi** on the issue. Excerpts:

Your government is locked in a tussle with the governor over the new reservation bill. The governor says she is yet to get answers to the objections raised by her. You claim to have answered all her queries. What is causing the stalemate?

You see, initially I had thought that the governor was raising some genuine queries, which the government needed to answer. So we answered the questions. The governor has been very positive about giving due reservation to the marginalised sections. In fact, she had herself promised to approve the reservation bill without delay. But it has been stuck in the Raj Bhavan even after being passed unanimously by all members, including the MLAs belonging to the BJP. The events of the past few days have left me with no doubt that the BJP is using the Raj Bhavan to stall the reservation bill. It has a problem with our decision to raise the quota for OBC, SCs and STs. I have asked

the BJP MLAs to talk to the governor for her assent. They are not doing it. It is clear that the BJP MLAs supported the bill in the assembly only because they did not want to be seen opposing it. They don't want to press the governor for its approval. They are just making excuses. But in the eyes of the people, the BJP has been exposed as being anti-reservation.

Have you answered all the questions asked by governor?

Yes. We have given all the answers that we could. Under the Constitution, the governor has the power to ask questions. We respect that. And out of this respect, we have supplied her with all the required information. But we are getting a sense that the questions being asked by the Raj Bhavan are only a pretext to withhold the bill. The Constitution allows the governor to either approve, reject or hold the bill indefinitely. We will see how long it can be withheld.

Does your bill pass the triple test mandated by the Supreme Court?

Our earlier attempt to raise quota was struck down in 2019 by the high court on the ground that we did not meet the criteria. The HC wanted us to give reservation on the basis of quantifiable data. So we set up a commission. The bill we passed in the Assembly was drafted on the basis of data collected by the commission.

But you have breached the 50% ceiling fixed by the Supreme Court through the Indira Sawhney ruling.

Indira Sawhney has been breached by many states. The BJP-ruled Karnataka has 58% reservation even without getting the Act included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. Look at the irony, the BJP has more than 50% reservation in a state ruled by them, but here they talk of Indira Sawhney. Moreover, the Union government itself had breached the 50% ceiling when it gave reservation to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

So what is the status of reservation in Chhattisgarh at the moment?

The BJP's double game has left the state's youth in a limbo. Job appointments and college admissions are all stuck.

Do you think the Governor will clear the bill?

I have done all I could to get her to pass the bill. The bill is now a property of the state legislature. The Governor has to carry out her Constitutional duty now. She has to respect the will of the legislature and do what is constitutionally right. I hope better sense will prevail.

What is the political fallout of the tug-of-war over the reservation bill?

The political fallout is huge. The BJP is completely exposed. We are having a big rally at Raipur on Tuesday to expose the BJP's double-speak on reservation. The people of the state are watching every move of the BJP and will teach them a lesson at the right time. The BJP is playing with fire on the reservation issue.

The events of the past few days have left me with no doubt that the BJP is using the Raj Bhavan to stall the reservation bill. It has a problem with our decision to raise the quota for OBC, SCs and STs. I have asked the BJP MLAs to talk to the governor for her assent. They are not doing it.

Bhupesh Baghel, C'garh CM

You have stopped short of reverting to the old pension scheme by giving the option of choosing between the old and the new schemes. Why so?

You see, the government employees of Chhattisgarh have been contributing to their pension scheme. This fund, totaling about ₹17,000 crore, has been lying with the Central government. We will need to get that money back from the Centre to completely revive the old pension scheme. We will take a decision based on the choice our employees make.

LAC tiff linked to our internal problems: Rahul tells Haasan

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

"India's border problems with China are connected to what is going on internally within India," said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in an interaction with actor turned politician Kamal Haasan.

In a video released by the Congress MP on Monday, the two discussed a range of issues, including India-China conflict, Bharat Jodo Yatra and Tamil Nadu politics. Haasan had joined Bharat Jodo Yatra during its Delhi leg on December 24 last year.

Responding to Haasan's query on his opinion on the current stand-off with China, Gandhi said that the Modi government has miscalculated the Chinese threat. "In the 21st century, one has to have a global view about security, and that's where I think our government has miscalculated. We constantly hear about what's going on at the border, and the fact of the matter is China has taken 2,000 sq km of our territory. And, we haven't said anything. The military has clearly said that they are sitting in our territory, but the Prime Minister says that nobody has come. This sends a very clear message to China — 'we can do whatever we want, and India will not respond'," he said.

In the half an hour long conversation, the former Congress president said that the Chinese aggression is directly linked to the internal turmoil within India. "There is a link between a weak economy, a confused nation without vision, hatred and anger, and the Chinese sitting in our territory. Because they know that we are dealing with internal confusions and lack of harmony, so they can just go in and do whatever they want," he said.

Rahul Gandhi with actor-politician Kamal Haasan | COURTESY: TWITTER

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Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

He also spoke at length about how Bharat Jodo Yatra is trying to spread the message of communal harmony.

"The single most important thing in the 21st century is that the country should have internal cohesion. That there's harmony in the country that people are not fighting, there's peace in the country, and the country has a vision. The point is not going to war, the point is being in a position where you cannot be attacked," he said.

Comparing the Chinese with Russia's war with Ukraine, Gandhi said that China is adopting the same strategy with India.

Talking about the might of the young population in India, he said that India can take on China in the future if it emerges as a production nation.

PLENARY & POLL

Congress to hold 1st CWC poll since '67 in February

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE much speculated elections to the Congress Working Committee will be held along with the plenary session of the party in February this year.

Announcing the decision, AICC general secretary KC Venugopal on Monday said that the three-day plenary session will start from February 24 in Raipur and the elections to the CWC will be held along with the session. "As per the tradition, we already announced the plenary session of the party in the last leg of February at Raipur. Now, the AICC has decided that the 85th plenary session will be held on February 24, 25, 26 in Raipur. As per the constitution, the CWC election will also be held along with the plenary session," he told the media in Delhi.

According to the Congress constitution, the CWC constitutes Congress president, its leader in the Parliament and 23 members, out of which 12 are elected by AICC members and the rest are nominated by the president. Venugopal said that six major issues — political, economic, international affairs, farmers and agriculture, social justice and empowerment, youth education and employment will be debated at length.

BJP hails SC verdict on note ban as historic, slams Congress outcry

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AMID all the hue and cry of the Opposition parties on demonetisation, the ruling BJP hailed the Supreme Court verdict upholding the Modi government's demonetisation as "historic".

But, the BJP strongly lambasted the Congress Party for creating uproar against demonetisation since 2016 to till date as part of projecting the demonetisation in a bad light before the nation. At a hurriedly conveyed media briefing at party's central office on Monday soon after the SC verdict, former law minister and party's Patna Sahib Lok Sabha MP Ravi Shankar Prasad said: "The entire demonetisation policy and exercise was aimed at preventing terror funding and checking the circulation of fake Indian currencies and money launderings in the country. But the Congress Party maintained its stance against it by playing politics".

Prasad claimed that the demonetisation, effected in 2016 as a well-thought decision, proved as the biggest blow to the networks of terrorism by dismantling the sources of terror funding. "The demonetisation also boosted income tax and cleansed the economy in the larger interest of country. Today the apex court has also found this decision correct", he said. He said that the court dismissed all the petitions challenging the legality of the Modi government's historic decision to demonetise ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes in 2016 upholding the decision valid in national interest. He asked Congress leader: "Will Rahul Gandhi now tender an apology to the nation for his ill-willed campaign carried by him against demonetisation? It was he who also spoke against demonetisation in foreign countries putting India in bad light".

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Ravi Shankar Prasad, BJP MP

It should be kept in mind that SC has decided merely on the legality of demonetisation and not whether it was a correct decision. A decision conforming to four walls of law does not make it moral or pro-people.

D. Raja, CPI general secretary

It is necessary to point out that the majority has not upheld the wisdom of the decision; nor has the majority concluded that the stated objectives were achieved. In fact, the majority has steered clear of the question whether the objectives were achieved at all

P Chidambaram, Congress leader

SC silent on objectives of DeMo: Cong

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE Congress on Monday said that the majority verdict of the Supreme Court on demonetisation has not addressed the question of whether the objectives of the demonetisation exercise were achieved at all.

Responding sharply to the Apex court's verdict on Monday, former Finance Minister P Chidambaram said that the 'minority' judgement pointed out the 'illegality' and the 'irregularities' in the demonetisation, Chidambaram said on Monday soon after the apex court made its verdict.

The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the Centre's 2016 decision to demonetise the currency notes of ₹500 and ₹1,000 by a 4:1 majority. "It is necessary to point out that the majority has not upheld the wisdom of the decision; nor has the majority concluded that the stated objectives were achieved. In fact, the majority has steered clear of the question whether the objectives were achieved at all," said Chidambaram, who represented petitioners challenging demonetisation in the SC.

SC hearing on OBC poll quota in UP on Jan 4

SHRUTI KAKKAR @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court will hear on Wednesday Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government's plea against Allahabad High Court's order of directing state to conduct urban local body polls without OBC reservation.

A bench of CJI DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha agreed to consider the plea pursuant to a mentioning made by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta on Monday. "We'll hear it day after tomorrow," CJI DY Chandrachud said. The state has approached SC against HC's December 27 order.

The pleas had also challenged state's December 12 notification which provides for operation of bank accounts of Municipalities under joint signatures of Executive Officers and the Senior Most Officer in UP Palika Centralised Service (Accounts Cadre).

A bench of Justices Devendra Kumar Upadhyay and Saurabh Lavania while quashing December 5 and 12 notification ruled that the government could not notify OBC reservations for civic elections till fulfilment of three conditions laid down by the SC's constitution bench in 2010. The HC had also ordered the state to "immediately" notify elections to the urban local bodies without OBC quotas. Additionally the bench directed the government to set up commission for to conducting an empirical study on the nature and backwardness to be able to have OBC quotas in the next election to urban local bodies.

The UP government in plea before SC argued that the HC erred in quashing draft notification since OBCs are constitutionally protected.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

DPS trespass: Relief to Salman Khurshid

The Supreme Court stayed on Monday the criminal proceedings against senior Congress leader Salman Khurshid for allegedly trespassing into the office of the Delhi Public School Society in the national capital. A bench of Justices BR Gavai and Vikram Nath while agreeing to hear the plea of Khurshid against the Delhi High Court order of November 27, 2019 said he is a responsible and reputed person.

Plea on safe visits abroad dismissed

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea seeking framing of guidelines regarding safe visit of Indians to foreign countries. The plea was preferred by Indian resident who was detained for four days by police in Abu Dhabi for mistaken identity. "We can't direct MEA to frame guidelines," said CJI DY Chandrachud.

'No task force on religious conversion'

Remarking that the court doesn't want multiplicity of proceedings, the SC on Monday dismissed a plea seeking creation of a special task force to keep check on deceitful religious conversions. The bench said, "You file an application for impleadment. We'll hear you. There will be multiplicity of pleas otherwise."

SC stays jail term to Ansari in threat case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UP MLA Mukhtar Ansari breathed a sigh of relief as Supreme Court on Monday stayed the conviction and seven year sentence imposed on him for intimidating and threatening to kill a jailer in 2003. The relief of stay was granted by the bench of Justices BR Gavai and Vikram Nath.

In 2003, Ansari had allegedly abused a jailer SK Awasthi and also taken a revolver from one of the persons who had come to meet him, and pointed it towards the complainant. The UP Police had registered an FIR against him under Sections 353, 504, 506 of the IPC. Although the lower court had acquitted Ansari of the charges, the HC had reversed the acquittal against which Ansari had approached the SC.

The Allahabad HC had sentenced Ansari to seven years in jail on September 21, 2022.

BSF begins building permanent bases along Sir Creek, Harami Nalla

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE Border Guarding Force (BGF) BSF is working to strengthen its hold in the area of Sir Creek which remains one of the few areas between India and Pakistan that have not been resolved yet. In a statement on Monday, the BSF said, "BSF Gujarat is further strengthening its hold along Sir Creek and Harami Nalla area by establishing permanent bases."

The BSF Gujarat is "responsible for securing the Indo-Pak international border of 826-km from Barmer in Rajasthan to Rann of Kutch and Creek area, including 85-km of Coastal area of Gujarat through effective domination of its entire area of responsibility". And it "made remarkable achievements by large numbers of apprehension and seizures in 2022.

Other than Kashmir and Siachen, Sir Creek is another area yet to be resolved since 1947. There is an ongoing dispute regarding the demarcation of the boundary between Sindh state of Pakistan and Gujarat.

It is a 96-km long narrow strip of water between the two countries in the marshy areas of Rann of Kutch. During the 1965 War, the armies of the two countries had clashed in the area.

The BSF looks after the border management along Pakistan and Bangladesh.

In 2022, the BSF Gujarat apprehended 22 Pak fishermen and seized 79 Pak fishing boats in the difficult terrain of Creeks and Harami Nalla in Bhuj Sector. Fifty packets of heroin worth ₹250 crore and 61 packets of charas worth ₹2.49 crores were recovered from coastal and creek region of Gujarat. In Barmer Sector, 14 packets of heroin worth ₹70 Crores were recovered in Joint ops with ATS Jodhpur and also recovered ₹12.05 lakh from suspected smugglers. Besides, 22 Indians, 4 Pakistanis, 2 Bangladeshi, 2 Canadians and 1 Rohingya were also arrested for their involvement in various illegal transborder activities. The BSF Gujarat was also awarded the coveted Ashwini Trophy for the year 2021-22, three times in a row, among 11 Frontiers of BSF for best performance in Training and Sports activities.

More than 350 Mahila Praharies of BSF Gujarat are effectively safeguarding our country's borders despite vagaries of nature, the BSF said.

Securing India's border and coasts

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STATUE VANDALISM

A statue of Ambedkar was damaged by some unidentified people in Bhupkhedi village of UP, triggering protests by people, police said on Monday. The incident took place on Sunday.

4 KILLED AS TRUCK OVERTURNS IN WEST BENGAL

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	14	Mumbai	31	19
Bhopal	25	10	Panaji	29	22
Jaipur	21	6	Patna	21	8
Amritsar	16	3	Lucknow	20	6
Chennai	30	23	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	27	11	Imphal	23	5
Srinagar	5	-9	Chandigarh	18	5

Akhilesh, Mayawati mum on joining Rahul's yatra

SP, BSP leaders wish Cong leader success as yatra to enter UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

(Left) SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and BSP supremo Mayawati | EXPRESS

THE Congress' efforts of bringing Opposition parties on one platform in Uttar Pradesh ahead of the Lok Sabha elections in 2024 through its Bharat Jodo Yatra do not seem to be bearing fruit in the state. Both the leading regional parties of the state —the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) — on Monday expressed their gratitude on being invited to join the UP leg of the march and wished it success, but did not clarify whether they would be joining it.

After SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and BSP supremo Mayawati repeatedly denied having received any invite to join the Yatra when it enters UP on Tuesday, the Congress sent formal invitation letters on behalf of party leader Rahul Gandhi to both the regional satraps. Besides Akhilesh and Mayawati, the Congress leadership had extended invites to several non-BJP leaders, including former UP deputy CM Dinesh Sharma, RLD chief Jayant Chaudhury, BSP general secretary SC Mishra, SP MLA Shivpal Yadav, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief OP Rajbhar and CPI general secretary Atul Anjan to join the rally that will cover 110km across three western UP districts—Ghaziabad, Baghpat and Shamli – before entering Sonepat in Haryana via Kairana on January 5.

Meanwhile, writing the letter addressed to Rahul, Akhilesh on Monday thanked him for the invitation and extended his good wishes. He wrote that India, beyond the geographical dimensions, is an emotion inclusive of love, non-violence, compassion, coordination and harmony. "These are the positive elements which unite India. I hope that this yatra will achieve its goal of preserving this inclusivity of our heritage," the SP chief wrote in the latter which he also tweeted.

Similarly, Mayawati also took to Twitter saying that she was thankful for the letter written by Rahul inviting her to join the yatra. Earlier, RLD had made it clear that Jayant would not join the yatra as he would not be in India during those dates. On the other hand, Akhilesh had laughed off the purported invite as mere gossip while Mayawati too denied having received it. Akhilesh had even likened the Congress with the BJP, saying both were two sides of the same coin.

300 in hosp after consuming food at wedding in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

OVER 300 people including 100 children were hospitalised after consuming food at a wedding in Bhavnagar district's Palitana late on Sunday night. Local health officials suspect that the victims suffered food poisoning due to consumption of chicken biriyani on Sunday night. 100 of them were discharged after primary treatment and the rest are reported to be still under treatment.

The incident occurred during the wedding function of local businessman Yunush Mahatar on Sunday night. Around 1,000 people ate at the feast but primarily those who had non-veg food fell ill. Due to the deterioration of healths of several people at the same time, the beds in the hospitals fell short.

Medical Officer Mansinghji Government Hospital Dr. Anita said, "Around 200 people are receiving treatment in the government hospital, according to the preliminary report, these people have been affected by food poisoning due to eating some food in the function."

Local Resident Iqbal said, "There was a wedding party at Yunush's house, he lived in our neighborhood. In addition to his guests, people from the neighborhood were also invited to his party. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food were served. All the victims of food poisoning had eaten non-veg. due to which we realised that there was a problem in the chicken or the mutton itself."

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Medical Officer

People started vomiting with abdominal pain. Local people began sending patients to Mansinghji Government Hospital. Soon the number of patients crossed 100. In such a case, three patients had to be treated on one bed. Former Nagar Palika President Pravin Gadhvi Said "Top officials of the health department reached the spot and started OPD. Many samples of food were also taken."

Nadda launches BJP's 'mission 144' in Maha, targets Uddhav

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

BJP president JP Nadda on Monday launched the party's 'Mission 144' at Chandrapur in Maharashtra while attacking the Opposition and called Uddhav Thackeray as a backstabber for having occupied the chief minister's chair. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP had lost 144 seats, which the party is focusing on for the 2024 polls. In Maharashtra, the BJP is targeting 18 such seats, including Chandrapur and NCP chief Sharad Pawar's bastion, Baramati.

Addressing a public rally in Chandrapur, Nadda targeted Shiv Sena, led by Uddhav Thackeray, calling him greedy for the chief minister's post. "Uddhav Thackeray joined hands with people who late Balasaheb Thackeray fought his entire life," Nadda said. He also called the MVA alliance of Shiv Sena, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress as an unnatural tie-up. He added that, in 2019, Uddhav shared the stage with the BJP and agreed to form the government with Narendra Modi in Delhi and Devendra Fadnavis in Maharashtra. However, when the election results came, Uddhav began to eye the chief minister's chair, he said.

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Scientists find new way to tackle breast cancer

The CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute in Lucknow is likely to come out with a more potent weapon against Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC), considered the deadliest among all breast cancer subtypes. The centre says a team of its scientists have discovered a new function of cancer drug Tazemetostat that can be more effective in the treatment of TNBC caused due to lifestyle changes, obesity, family history, high mitotic index, and BRCA1 gene mutations. The study has been published in The Nature journal.

UP plans road shows to draw investment

Ahead of the Global Investors Summit to be held in Lucknow next month, the UP government has laid out a plan to hold road shows across the country from January 5-23 in a bid to attract investments. This comes after eight delegations of ministers and officials visited 16 countries last month for the purpose. The first road show, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, will be held in Mumbai on January 5, when he is likely to meet film personalities, and representatives of corporate houses like Tata Group, Reliance Industries, Mahindra, Godrej, Aditya Birla Group, Bombay Dyeing, Britannia, and Asian Paints. The shows will also be held in Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad. It is part of the UP government's bid to achieve $1 trillion state economy.

Kashi, Ayodhya witness record footfall on NY

The holy cities of Uttar Pradesh attracted huge crowds on the first day of 2023. As per the Kashi Vishwanath Dham management, the footfall on January 1 broke all records as over 6 lakh devotees visited the temple on Sunday as compared to around 5 lakh the previous year. Unlike other days, devotees started thronging the temple in the wee hours. Anticipating heavy crowds, the temple management had restricted special 'sparsh darshan' in which devotees are allowed to touch the Shivling, and only 'jhanki darshan' was allowed. The restrictions continued even on Monday.

CRACKDOWN

Engg graduate, kingpin of job racket, arrested

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Odisha Police held one Zafar Ahmad, the alleged mastermind of one of the country's biggest job frauds, in Aligarh on Sunday. The racket, which was being run from Aligarh in western UP, was spread over five states, police said. The alleged fraudsters used to target unemployed youth in Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Odisha.

As per police sources, the department's Economic Offence Wing arrested Zafar Ahmed, 25, a resident of Civil Lines in Aligarh. An engineering graduate, Ahmed duped an estimated 50,000 job seekers across the country. The racket was being run by a group of tech-savvy IT professionals of UP. This core group had apparently opened a call centre employing around 50 people at a salary of ₹15,000 per month. More than 1,000 fake SIM cards and 530 cellphones were used to run the racket, police said. The scamsters used to communicate through WhatsApp voice calls and to avoid identification and used 100 mule bank accounts.

Cong MLA booked again, this time for firing from his licensed pistol in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

JUST two months after he was booked alongwith another legislator of the opposition party for allegedly molesting a married woman on board a train, first time Congress MLA Sunil Saraf is in fresh trouble now for celebratory firing at New Year bash. Saraf, the first time Congress legislator from Kotma seat of Anuppur district in Madhya Pradesh, was booked on Monday by Kotma police under Section 336 IPC and Sections 25 and 9 Arms Act for firing with his revolver at the New Year party organised by him only in Kotma town on Saturday-Sunday intervening night.

The video of the incident in which Saraf is seen dancing and whipping out a pistol from his trousers before firing in air amid the resonance of Bollywood flick *Don*'s title song *Mai Hoon Don* on the main stage of the party, went viral on Monday.

Ruling BJP leaders in the state, including state party chief VD Sharma, state media coordinator Lokendra Parashar and Narendra Saluja were quick to raise the issue in the wake of the viral video and demand action against the Congress MLA. The state's home minister Narottam Mishra, while taking cognizance of the matter, said "I've seen the video of the MLA brandishing the gun and firing from it. Such acts endanger public safety. I've instructed the Anuppur district police superintendent to take action in the matter," Mishra said.

Just a few hours later, an FIR was lodged against the MLA at Kotma police station in Anuppur district. "The case has been lodged against the MLA on the complaint by one Bhuvneshwar Shukla. The Kotma MLA claimed that the gun seen in the video, wasn't his licensed revolver, but was instead a toy pistol used during Diwali. Congress's senior leader PC Sharma said that it's not such a big crime and that cops should work on bigger issues.

SP injured as mob goes on rampage, attacks & vandalises church in C'garh

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

A prominent Catholic church was vandalised and the superintendent of police Sadanand Kumar, who tried to stop the protesting mob, sustained head injuries in stone pelting in the Maoist-affected Narayanpur district, about 350 km south of Raipur on Monday. Two small churches were also reportedly damaged by the protestors.

The SP was taken to the hospital where his condition was stated to be stable and out of danger. The Bastar range inspector general of police Sunderraj P rushed to the area, even as additional security forces from couple of adjoining districts been deployed as precautionary measure in Narayanpur and keep close watch as the tension prevails in the district. Some police personnel were also injured in the attack. A tribal group—Advasi Samaj, planned a protest march against the alleged religious conversion and minor clashes in villages in Narayanpur.

"The protest rally by adivasi samaj turned rough despite their leaders being asked by the collector and myself to ensure that peace remains during their demonstration organised in Narayanpur. In a frenzy, an attempt to vandalise the church and I along with my team rushed to intervene and prevent any untoward incident. But someone pelted stones on me. The administration remained restrained. Legal action will be initiated", said the district police chief Kumar.

One of the two vandalised chruches in Narayanpur; SP Sadanand Kumar | XPRESS

The district administration apparently seemed shocked as they were assured with the words of the adivasi samaj leaders that no law and order situation will arise with their protest. "The violent incident occurred despite their assurance. The action would be initiated against those responsible after gathering the facts. Security has been beefed up in all churches and the habitations," Ajeet Vasant, Narayanpur collector told this newspaper.

The opposition BJP lashed out at the Congress government for its alleged repeated failure on law and order issue even in the peaceful tribal belts. The Congress blamed the BJP for vitiating the peace. "Where ever BJP lacks the issues, they play the communal card," said Sushil Anand Shukla, Congress spokesperson.

3.5 lakh TMC workers, 350 leaders to be part of Didi's drive for rural polls

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Trinamool Congress on Monday launched a massive outreach drive, titled Didir Suraksha Kavoch (protection offered by Didi), focussing on the panchayat elections slated to be held this year. The party, which is facing allegations of corruption involving some TMC leaders in the Centre's housing scheme, will engage 3.5 lakh workers, known as 'Didir dyut (Didi's messenger)', and 350 party leaders to reach out to 3 crore households across the state ahead of the panchayat elections.

The party MPs, MLAs and other leaders have been asked to spend 10 days in villages to identify the problems at the grassroots and find out whether the state government's flagship projects are reaching them. The new initiative follows two similar previous ones — Didi Ke Bolo (tell your sister) and Duare Sarkar (government at your doorstep). "Didir Suraksha Kavoch is another form of Duare Sarkar. The state government is doing its job. But as the ruling political party, we cannot skip responsibilities because over 85 gram panchayats are dominated by our party," Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said while addressing a workers' meet in Kolkata. "The new outreach drive will focus on other issues which the government is yet to address," she added. The two-month drive, which will cover the rural and semi-urban pockets of the state, comes as the TMC is facing complaints of corruption in the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Talking about her accusations that the BJP is destroying the federal structure of the country, Mamata said, "My ideology is clear. The federal structure of the country must be strengthened." Her nephew and TMC's national general secretary, Abhishek Banerjee, said the party will start the new initiative from January 11.

Mamata Banerjee, nephew Abhishek at launch of Didir Suraksha Kavoch drive | PTI

Suryanagari Exp derails in Raj, 25 hurt

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

At least 25 people were injured after 13 bogies of the Bandra-Jodhpur Suryanagari Express got derailed on Monday in Rajasthan's Pali district. There were no casualties. The accident happened at 3.27 am. but the CPRO of North Western Railway told that there is no information about any loss of life or property in the accident. 25 people got injured in this accident and the railways have announced a special probe on this derailment. The Railway Ministry has announced financial assistance to the injured of the Bandra-Jodhpur Suryanagari Express train accident.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav tweeted that ₹1 lakh each will be given to the seriously injured and ₹25,000 each will be given to those lightly injured in the accident. Trains such as -Jodhpur-Sabarmati train service and Sabarmati-Jodhpur train service (train number 14822) will remain canceled on 02.01.23due to the accident.

'Irreconcilable' differences reason for ULFA non-resolution: Himanta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the problem with insurgent group United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) could not be solved due to "irreconcilable" differences. He told journalists that it is not a problem for him to talk to the outfit's "commander-in-chief" Paresh Baruah or keep the channel of communication between the government and the insurgent group open.

"If I want to talk to him tomorrow morning, I can do it. The government and the ULFA have that channel. It has had some positive impact as Assam has not faced many law and order-related challenges in the past two years…"

"But the problem is Paresh Baruah does not want to discuss anything other than (Assam's) independence but I have taken an oath (as the CM) that I will protect the integrity and sovereignty of India," Sarma said. He said one side would have to retreat for the resolution of the conflict.

I believe people have a greater role to play in it. Our door is open. Paresh Baruah does not want the killings of innocent people. Neither do we. So, if there are points of disagreement, there are also points of agreement. We hope for a positive outcome soon

Himanta Biswa, Assam Chief Minister

"I cannot take a step backwards, for it will go against my oath. I cannot remain as the CM. It is equally difficult for him as 10,000 people have lost their lives (in ULFA movement). So, these two are irreconcilable differences," Sarma said. He said if the people of Assam could give the confidence to Baruah that nobody would call him a betrayer if the insurgent leader dropped the demand of sovereignty, it might change his mindset. Sarma said the intellectuals and the various students' organisations in Assam could make an appeal to Baruah to drop the demand of sovereignty and bargain on other things. "I believe people have a greater role to play in it. Our door is open," the CM said, adding, "Paresh Baruah does not want the killings of innocent people. We don't want it. So, if there are points of disagreement, there are also points of agreement. We hope something positive will happen."

The ULFA is the only group in Assam which is outside the purview of peace process. The group will take part in peace talks if the sovereignty of Assam is the agenda.

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The Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Limited, Bengaluru invites tender for the Supply of Packaged Drinking Water Bottles to KSTDC hotel units from interested supplying firms. Tender Details are as follows.

Tender No:KSTDC/2022-23/IND49/Call-3. **Description:** Tender for Supply of Packaged Drinking Water Bottles for KSTDC hotel units. **Last date & time for Bid Submission: 09.01.2023 at 16.00 Hrs.**

The detailed tender documents are available in the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For any further clarifications contact +91 80 23010900, +91 80 23010901. Email support: **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com**

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Tender Addendum Notice

This notice is to invite all the bids for the tender called under SBM grant for supply, erecting the SWM processing plant with e-Procurement indent: **DMA/2021-22/IND13211/CALL-2** through online e-Procurement portal only. This is to notify that post Pre-bid meeting the tender document and conditions have been revised. Bidders are advised to refer the revised RFP document and tender conditions by visiting eProcurement portal. The revised tender opening date and time is 13.01.2023 at 05.30PM. Tender opening date is 16.01.2023 at 11:30AM. For any additional information, conditions and for any clarifications the bidders can call City Corporation office phone no. **08392-273479/278168** on all working days between 10:30AM till 05:00PM or login to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and check the details published under the bid number.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bid against **Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-4/22-23/EPR-57/CALL-01 Dtd:02.01.2023** for the work of "Replacement of age old, Pneumatic type 31.5kA, 66kV SF6 breakers by spring mechanism type 40/50kA breakers at **220/66/11kV station, Somanahalli** in TL&SS Division, Somanahalli pertains to BMAZ South circle, Bengaluru on Total Turn Key Basis including supply of all matching materials/equipment's including 66kV Breakers and Conductors and erection (including civil works) of all materials/ equipment's, testing and commissioning".

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **03.01.2023.** Copy of the publication may please be sent to this office for record.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public, that my client Sri.D.V.Somasundaram s/o Sri.D.S.Venkateshaiah, resident of Sy.Nos.211 and 212, Arasinakunte village, NLA Taluk, is the Absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the converted lands bearing present (i) Sy.No.211 Old No.Sy.No.33, Block IV, measuring 2 acres in extent (including 1 gunta kharab and 1½ gs, reserved for the High voltage power line), and (ii) Sy.No.212, Old No.Sy.No.33, Block V, measuring totally 2 acres inclusive of 1 gunta kharab) both items of land duly converted for residential purposes vide Order dated.23.06.2008 in No. ALN.(N)SR.46 of 2007-08, which he acquired for valuable consideration from his predecessor-in-title Sri.C.Chowdaiah under a Registered Sale deed dated 23.10.1983 registered No. 1433 of 1983-84, Vol.1440, pages 80-82, SR, NLA, and mutation effected in his favour and all revenue/survey records stand in his name. That Sri.D.V.Somasundaram has since developed the land Sy.No.211 of Arasinkunte village, by forming residential sites, after obtaining a layout plan sanction from the Nelamangala Planning Authority, vide the Final layout Plan sanction letter dt 07.12.2022 in No.NPA.LAO:08:2022-23 (preliminary sanction dt.06.09.2022) and all sites are released for alienation. Katha for the individual sites has been issued by the Nelamangala CMC as the property is within its administrative jurisdiction. One Sri.Venktaswamy s/o late Hanumaiah, had instituted a suit in O.S.No.428 of 2013 on the file of the Hon'ble Civil Judge (Sr.Division) at Nelamangala, and the same has been since compromised in terms of a Compromise petition filed on 21.04.2022 and decreed accordingly, and decree has been drawn. The present owner has paid adequate compensation to the parties to the said suit. Now he intends alienate all the 37 residential sites formed in the said Sy.No.211 of Arasinakunte village with CMC katha Nos.921/01 to 921/37 and if one anyone (apart from the parties to the aforesaid Original suit settled and decreed), has/have any claim, or interest over the said property, they may submit their claim, if any, with relevant supporting documents, within fifteen days from the date of this publication, and claims if any, received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

G.Chandrashekar, Advocate
#105, Udayagiri Devanahalli Tq. 562 110
Ph: 95388 51109. Date: 02.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients intend to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **(1) Mrs.Zaibunnisa** W/o Mr.Syed Mohammed Bokhari, **(2) Mrs.Naveeda Naaz, (3) Mr.Syed Younus Bokhari, (4) Mr.Syed Anis Bokhari,** No.2 to 4 are children of late Mrs.Azzezunnisa and **(5) Mr.Syed Aamir Bukhari** S/o late Mrs.Sayeeda Taheera Talath, all are residing in the Schedule property.

Apart from the said Owners, if any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Properties

E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 under rule 8(5) read with proviso to rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the pubic in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. ("KMBL") on 15.02.2022 and subsequent to the assignment of debt in its favour by Bajaj Housing Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 9.2.2023 **between 12:00 pm to 01:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes**, for recovery of **Rs. 36,48,825/-(Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Only) as of 23.12.2022 along with future interest applicable from 24.12.2022** till realization, with cost and charges **under The Loan Account No.** 4042LH6903/858, due to KMBL, secured creditor **from Mr. Aashish Gupta & Mrs. Anshu Gupta.** The Reserve Price will be Rs. 20,80,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) and The Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs. 2,08,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eight Thousand Only) **&** last date of submission of EMD with KYC is 8.2.2023 up to 6:00 p.m. (IST.)

Property Description:- Postal Address:- Flat No. 701, 7th Floor, Block/Wing. C1, Provident Wellworth City, Apartment, Kadathanamale Village, Hesaragatta Hobli, Bangalore-560088. **More Particularly Described As :- Schedule A :-** (Entire Property In Which The Building In Constructed) All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land comprised of survey nos.30 (7 acres 24.5 guntas), 31 (6 acres 25.5 guntas), 32 (9 acres 02 guntas), 33 (9 acres 37.25 guntas), 34 (6 acres 0.5 guntas) and 161 (2 acres) of Kadatanamale Village, Hesaragatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore in all measuring 41 acres 9.75 guntas (i.e. 17,96,576.51 sq ft) (which include the land relinquished to an extent of 10 acres 28.68 guntas (i.e. 466843.94 sq ft) in favour of member secretary, biaapa, in compliance with the requirement of sanction plan and an area of 24,193.40 sq ft reserved for locating electrical sub-station or yards) and the entire. **Property is Bounded As Follows-** East - Land In Survey No.160, Doddatalapur Road, Land In Survey Nos.162, 163, 164, 40 And 41 West - Land In Survey Nos.41, 29, 30/7(P), 31/4(P), 31/3(p), 31/2(P), 31/1(P), 34/2(P), 34/1(P) North - Land In Survey Nos. 37, 38 and 160 South - Land In Survey No.41 And 29. **Schedule - B, (Property Conveyed Under This Deed)**, An Undivided 0.0188% (zero point zero one eight eight percent) share (equivalent to 245.62 sq ft) in the land measuring 10066.05 sq ft being the land apportioned to the residential development forming part of Shedule 'A' property. **Schedule - C** (Description of The Apartment) A two bedroom apartment bearing no.701 (property no. 150200202500222516) on the seventh floor in block/wing "C1" of the residential apartment Complex Known As "Provident Wellworth City" constructed on the Schedule "A" Property, having a super built-up area of 845 sq ft (which is inclusive of the floors , ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in all common areas and clubhouse area) together with an exclusive right to use one open reserved car parking space.

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Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditors, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers of Indian Bank , the Secured Creditors, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **19/01/2023** for recovery Rs 67,03,732.24/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Three Thousand Seven hundred Thirty Two and paise Twenty Four Only) as on 06-08-2022 with further interest and charges and expenses due to Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Secured Creditor, with further interest and charges due to , secured creditor, from:**1.M Perumappa (Borrower)** No.19, 1st Cross, Solappa Garden, Chunchaghatta, Off Kanakapura, Bengaluru 560062. The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Property

All that Part and Parcel of the property 458 sq ft undivided right and measuring super built area of 1350sq ft in the building called ESHWARI OAK DALE (I PHASE) being constructed on the schedule A property with floor, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such apartment owners equally. Along with common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered car parking area. Flat No. A-201, Eshwari Oak Dale, 3BHK on second floor, Opp to royal lake front view layout. Near BK Circle Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk(duly converted order No. ALN.SU.SR.91/2012-13 dated 12.10.2012) Bengaluru, Now coming under the jurisdiction and bounded on East by: Property of Siddappa West by: Private property North by: Property of Sri Krishna Reddy, south by Road, **Flat Bounded on** :East by: set Back Area, West by: Common passage,North by: set back area South by: open to sky.

Prior Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	**Rs 57,82,000/-**
EMD Amount	**Rs 5,78,000/-**
Bid incremental amount	Rs 10,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	**19/01/2023 11.00 AM TO 4.00 PM**
Property ID No	IDIB50247561361

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-40602403/033-40067351/033-40628253/033-40645316/033-40645207/033-40609118 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com**.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Numbers as mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**.

Date:02-01-2023
Place :Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(Government of karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugiri. Tumkur Dist-572132, Ph: 08137- 282112

E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com

Sl No: EE:VJNL/YHP/Div-No.4/Madhugiri/NIT-13-1/2022-23 Dated:31.12.2022

Corrigendum-1
(Through E-procurement system)

On Behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.4, Madhugiri, Karnataka is inviting tenders in Two tender document system on " Percentage tender basis" from Eligible contractor's for Construction of Yettinahole main canal vide this office tender notification No.13/2022-23 dated:20.12.2022.

Name of Work: (1) Construction of Aquaduct from Ch Km. 258.810 to Km 259.440 including construction of Causeway CD works, and other structures under yettinahole project YGC Pkg-XXVII. Amount put to tender Rs. In Lakhs (Excluding GST) : 4210.19 **(2)** Construction of gravity canal from Km.259.440 to Km 261.00 comprising of earth work excavation, formation of embankment, CC lining using mechanical paver including construction of CD works, Aquaduct and other structures under yettinahole project YGC Pkg-XXVIII. Amount put to tender: Rs.In Lakhs (Excluding GST) : 3955.28 **(3)** Construction of gravity canal from Km.261.00 to Km 261.690 comprising of earth work excavation, formation of embankment, CC lining using mechanical paver including construction of CD works, Cut & Cover and other structures under yettinahole project YGC Pkg-XXIX. Amount put to tender: Rs. In Lakhs (Excluding GST) : 1714.17

further the calendar of event as follows:

Events & Dates: (1) PERIOD OF DOWNLOADING OF TENDER DOCUMENT **03.01.2023 to 17.01.2023** up to 5.30 PM **(2)** DATE AND PLACE OF PRE BID MEETING **10.01.2023** at 11.00AM in office of the Chief Engineer, VJNL, YHP Zone, Tumakur **(3)** LAST DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF E-TENDERS **17.01.2023** up to 5.30 PM (4) TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TENDER (Technical Bid) **19.01.2023** at 11.00 AM

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L, YHP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

E-Tender Notice

E-tenders are invited for the supply of Rock Phosphate (MRP), Muriate of Potash (MOP) & Urea as follows:

Sl No.	Item	Tender ID	Last date of Uploading	Bid opening date
1	Rock Phosphate (MRP)	2022_RPL_543568_1	18.01.2023, 5pm	20.01.2023, 11am
2	Muriate of Potash (MOP) & Urea	2022_RPL_543847_1	18.01.2023, 5pm	20.01.2023, 11am

For more details visit :www.etenders.kerala.gov.in/ www.rplkerala.gov.in

RPL/S/2136/2023-24 dtd.30.12.2022 **Sd/-**

RO/03188/D3/2022/I&PRD **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Government of Karnataka-Zilla Panchayat, Shivamogga

Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga

Ph:08182-222382 e-mail: dhoshimoga@gmail.com

No.: DHFWS/O.S./Tender-01/2022-23 Date: 31.12.2022

E-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in two document submission system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999, Rules 2000 for availing the services through outsource for Pharmacy Officer and Junior Laboratory Technician posts that are vacant in Health Institutions of Shivamogga District for the year 2022-23 and interested Tenderers are requested to participate.

Sl.No. 1. NotificationNo.: DHFWS/O.S./Tender-01/2022-23 dated 28.12.2022 **Details of the tender invited:** Regarding Providing through Outsource services of Pharmacy Officer (22) and Junior Laboratory Technician (7) to Health Institutions of Shivamogga District. **Time Period:** From 03.01.2023to 13.01.2023 up to 5.00 PM **Tender Amount:** Rs. 61.78 lakhs **Remarks:** E.M.D. Amount: Rs. 1,50,000/- Lakhs.

For further details contact Phone No.- 08182-222382 of the Office of The District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga, during office hours or visit www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.11/01/mca/22-23/1581

Government Of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner Office, Koppal
District Urban Development Cell District: Koppal

State: Karnataka Office Ph : 08539-221895 Fax No : 08539-221235 **e-mail : itstaff_dudc_koppal@yahoo.com**

Ref. No: 89678/KOP-DC-11/121/2022-PD(DUDC) **Date: 28-12-2022**

::SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION::
:: E-Procurement ::

The Executive Engineer, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders from Class–II and above Contractors who are eligible for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in TP Bhagyanagar Urban Local Body limit in Koppal District of Karnataka State as per Price Schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Brief Description: Package No.5 1) Providing and Laying of Slab and Pavers Ward No 2 2)Construction drain at ward no.15, 16 & 18 Construction of CC Road at ward no.19 3) Construction of CC Road at Ward No 11 4) Construction of CC drain and Slab Ward No 10 5) Construction of CC Drain & Slab in ward no.1, and Construction of drain and fixing of slab at cener of the ward no.1 and 2 and Construction of BT Road in ward no.18 in TP Bhagyanagar limilt , remaining name of work is as per Approved Action Plan. **Indent No:DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 137708Call-2. Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs): 348.17. EMD (in Lakhs): 4.29. Period of Completion (Months): 9 Months.**

Available of Tender Forms (Through Online): **28/12/2022 10:00AM.** Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and Quaries: **10/01/2023 11:00AM.** Last Date for Submission of Tender: **12/01/2023 05:30PM.** Date of opening Tenders **(Technical Bid): 16/01/2023 10:00AM**

Sd/-Executive Engineer, DUDC, Koppal District

DIPR/Koppal/538/MCA/2022-23

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF ASI (STENO) AND HEAD CONSTABLE (MINISTERIAL)-2022

Help line No.011-26160255 Opening Date: 04/01/2023 Closing Date : 25/01/2023

Central Reserve Police Force is conducting recruitment for the post of ASI(Steno) and Head Constable (Ministerial). Applications are invited from Male/Female Candidates who are ordinarily residents of India. Candidates can apply for only one post (multiple applications for more than one post will liable to be rejected) online through website http://www.crpfindia.com and www.crpf.nic.in. (Through link as Recruitment > View all >Ministerial Staff 'Apply').

2. VACANCIES NOTIFIED FOR MALE/FEMALE CANDIDATES:-

Post	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total
ASSISTANT SUB INSPECTOR (STENO)	58	14	39	21	11	**143**
HEAD CONSTABLE (MINISTERIAL)	532	132	355	197	99	**1315**

Note: The numbers of Vacancies given above are tentative and may increase or decrease at any time/ stage of recruitment process, due to administrative reasons.

2. Pay Scale : The post carries following pay level (as per 7th CPC).

POST	PAY LEVEL	PAY MATRIX
Assistant Sub Inspector (Steno)	05	29200-92300
Head Constable (Ministerial)	04	25500-81100

3. **Age limit :-** Age limit of candidates should be from 18 to 25 years as on closing date of receipt of application i.e. **25/01/2023** i.e. candidate should not born before **26/01/1998** or after **25/01/2005.**

Note :- There will be relaxation in age for SC/ST/OBC, Ex Servicemen and other categories of persons in accordance with the Government orders.

4. Education Qualification :- Candidates must have passed Intermediate (10+2) or equivalent Exam from a board or university recognized by Central or State Government..

5. **How to apply :** The application must be submitted through online mode. Candidates can submit their application through website http://www.crpfindia.com and www.crpf.nic.in (Through link as Recruitment >View all >Ministerial staff `Apply). Registration will be started wef. **04/01/2023.**

Note :- Detail notification will be available in crpf website i.e.http://www.crpf. nic.in (Through link as Recruitment >View all >Ministerial staff 'Apply).

Sd/- (Sudhakar Upadhay)
IG (Estt.) Dte

CBC 19140/11/0011/2223

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS – BEFORE 5 PM 04.02.2023

Sale of immovable secured asset under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and rules. Offers are invited in electronic mode through **https://www.bankeauctions.com** to be submitted latest **04.02.2023 by 5 pm** for the sale of secured asset mentioned below on **"AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** for recovery of the secured debts of Punjab & Sind Bank amounting to **Rs.24,25,921.60 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and Paisa Sixty Only)** inclusive of interest, charges and cost, etc. up to **31.12.2022** plus cost, charges and future interest thereon from **01.01.2023 from Shri. M Krishna Murthy S/o Shri. M. R. Muddaih Setty (Borrowers/Mortgagors)** and pursuant to the symbolic possession of the following property taken by the Authorized Officer on **02.08.2022** under SARFAESI Act, 2002.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Description of Property (as per available details)	a) Reserve Price b) EMD c) Bid Increase Amount	Date & Time of Inspection/ E-auction
Schedule-B : All that piece and parcel of immovable property with existing buildings comprising of four segments namely "Jeevan Griha , Jeevan Mitra, Jeevan Sarthi, and Jeevan Surabhi" consisting of 31blocks with total land area of 5.012 acres/20283 square meters (approx) [excluding block No. 2 & 6 with open land admesuring 0.258 acres/ 1045.14 sq meters (approximately) in Jeevan Griha' Segment] situated in municipal No. 9020, 24th Main Sector-II, 1st phase J P Nagar(Sarakki) Bangalore 560078 and bounded on **East by :** 24th main Road, **West by :** 29th Main Road, **North by :** 9th cross road and **South by :** BDA property site no. 5 and 28 and 10-B Cross road. **Schedule-C:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.283, 1st Floor, Block No.27, Jeevan Surbhi, Type-F, Category-I, LIC Flats, 10th B Cross, 24th Main, J. P Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore -560078 consisting of two bed rooms, one living cum dining hall with balcony, one kitchen, one bath and one toilet, build up area including stair area measuring 81.70 sq. meters and undivided share of the land of the first schedule 0.773 sq. meters of the built up area including use of common areas situated in Muncipal No.9020, 24th Main, Sector-II, 1st Phase, J. P Nagar (Sarakki), Bangalore-560078, BBMP PID No.57-41-9020/282-283 at present situated at 10th Cross, 1st Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore- 560078 bounded on the **East by** : 24th Main Road, **West by** : 29th Main Road, **North by :** 9th Cross Road and **South by :** BDA PROPERTY Site no. 5 and 28 and 10-B Cross road.	**a) Rs.66,00,000/-** **b) Rs.6,60,000/-** **c) Rs.1,00,000/-**	Date & Time of Inspection **03.02.2023** **10.00 AM to 4.00 PM** Last date & time for submission of EMD and documents **04.02.2023** **Before 5 PM** Date & Time of E-auction **06.02.2023** **11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**

***NOTE:** The measurement of above property, however, be verified by the bidders at site and also from the records of the Revenue Authorities prior to participating in auction.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS : For Detailed Terms and Conditions of auction, Visit our Bank's website **www.psbindia.com**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI RULES, 2002

The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 02.01.2023
Place : Bangalore

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SL freezes govt jobs amid austerity drive

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka began a fresh austerity drive on Monday, freezing government recruitment as new taxes and higher electricity prices kicked in with authorities trying to secure an IMF bailout. The nation needs to achieve debt sustainability as a precondition to a $2.9 billion bailout from the IMF.

The IMF has also asked Colombo to trim its 1.5 million strong public service, sharply raise taxes and sell off loss-making state enterprises.

A record 20,000 civil servants retired at the end of December—eight times as many as usual according to the public administration ministry—after President Ranil Wickremesinghe reduced their retirement age from 65 to 60. They will not be replaced, the ministry said.

Doubled personal income and corporate taxes kicked in on New Year's Day to shore up state revenue, while electricity prices went up 65% after a 75% tariff increase in August. As part of the new measures, the finance ministry has also banned non-essential capital expenditure.

Any officials who authorise investments over $1.38 million without clearing them with the treasury first will be held personally accountable, a ministry official said. Wickremesinghe said the crisis was not yet over despite the restoration of fuel, food and fertiliser supplies. "Our problems have not been resolved yet," he told his staff on the first working day of the year. "We need to reduce our debt burden if we are to move forward." Key creditors such as China and India are yet to announce agreement to a 'haircut' on their loans to the South Asian nation. *AFP*

People stand next to the site of a Russian attack in Kyiv, Ukraine on Monday | AP

Russia admits 63 soldiers killed in Ukrainian strike

KYIV

RUSSIA'S defence ministry said on Monday that 63 Russian soldiers have been killed by a Ukrainian strike on a facility in the eastern Donetsk region where military personnel was stationed. Ukrainian forces fired six rockets from a HIMARS launch system and two of them were shot down.

Kyiv on Monday took responsibility for a deadly strike on Russian forces in eastern Ukraine, after Moscow said it had lost 63 troops in the town of Makiivka.

"On December 31, up to 10 units of enemy military equipment of various types were destroyed and damaged" in the town of Makiivka in the eastern region of Donetsk, the General Staff of Ukraine's armed forces said in a statement. It said the human 'losses' were still being established.

The Russian statement said the strike occurred "in the area of Makiivka."

Meanwhile, Russia deployed multiple exploding drones in another nighttime attack on Ukraine, officials said on Monday.

On Monday, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said that 40 drones "headed for Kyiv" overnight. All of them were destroyed, according to air defence forces.

Klitschko said 22 drones were destroyed over Kyiv, three in the outlying Kyiv region and 15 over neighbouring provinces.

Energy infrastructure facilities were damaged as the result of the attack and an explosion occurred in one city district, the mayor said. It wasn't immediately clear whether that was caused by drones or other munitions. A wounded 19-year-old man was hospitalised, Klitschko added, and emergency power outages were underway in the capital.

Following the strikes, the power company Ukrenergo said the situation with the electricity supply in Kyiv was now 'more complicated.'

"That is why emergency shutdowns are now in effect," it said on social media. In the outlying Kyiv region, a "critical infrastructure object" and residential buildings were hit, Gov. Oleksiy Kuleba said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has accused Russia of 'energy terrorism' as bombardments have left many people without heat amid freezing temperatures. Ukrainian officials say Moscow is 'weaponising winter' in its effort to demoralise the Ukrainian resistance. *Agencies*

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in, Contact Number 9646117606

Tender Enquiry No. 33/MM-I/TGP-106(V)/O&M/GHTP/2022

Dy. Chief Engineer, Mechanical Mtc. Circle-I/GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat invites E-tender for the work of Reconditioning of Boiler Feed Pumps Cartridge (Type-FK6D30) including supply of required spares of BFPs installed at of 2x210 MW & 2x250 MW GHTP Lehra Mohabbat Stage-I&II, as per detail in tender specifications. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **30.12.2022** from 17:00 PM onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** only.

02/GHTP-01/23-1/2/2023
76155/12/1317/2022/20117

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, MESCOM BHAVANA, Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004.
Ph: 0824-2885795, CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No. MESCOM/PROC/PURC/170/2022-PROC Date: 29.12.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tender for Supply of following material:

Tender No.	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2022-23/IND908	Rain Wears as per Technical Specification	4200 Sets

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04.01.2023.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.)(Proc.) Corporate Office

For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

BEFORE THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-18)
OS No. 89/2020

Sri. Gangadharappa, S/o Late Dhanappa, Aged about 74 years, R/at 2007/4, Kaleshwara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Siddaveerappa Extn., Davangere. ...Applicant / Petitioner

V/s

BR Arun Kumar and Ors ...Opponent / Respondent

To : **1. BR Arun Kumar** S/o Raja Rao, Aged about 62 years, Proprietor M/s Akshaya International, Office No. 19, 8th Main Road, Central Excise Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.

2. K.R. Shakarappa S/o Rudrappa, Aged about 71 years, R/o 3714/26, 11th Main, MCC 'A' Block, Opp to Bakkeshwara School, Davangere.

3. S.S. Salimatha, Aged about 59 years, R/o 642, Panchamuki, 7th Main, P J Extn., Near Sandeep Nursing, Davangere.

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Whereas the Petitioner named has filed the above noted suit for the relief of recovery of Rs. 13,50,000/- and interest rate of 12% till the date of realization.

You are required to be present before this Court **on 18-01-2023 at 11-00 AM,** in person or through your counsel duly instructed. Failing which this court will proceed with the matter in your absence.

Given under the seal of this court on 23.12.2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
(PRANEETH G.N.)
VADAVADAGI & PARTNERS
No. 23/1, J. Lingaiah Road, 2nd Floor, above Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020. Mobile: 9008769359

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my client is desirous to purchase the agricultural land morefully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as 'Schedule property' from its owner Mr. Doddanarasimhaiah also known as Doddanarasimhayya, s/o Shanivara Narasiah, residing at No. 56, Madapattanna Grama, Chunchuna Kuppe Post, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-562130.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or objecting to such sale should lodge their objections and/or claims in writing along with the valid legal documentary evidence in support thereof with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice, after which period my client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claim/s of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of entire Agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 29/1, situated at Puradapalya Village, Tavarekere-3 Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 2 Acre 37 guntas including 0-2 gunta 'B' Kharab and bounded on the: **East by:** Land in Sy. No. 6 and 39, **West by:** Land in Sy. No. 29/2, **North by:** Land in Sy. No. 31 and **South by:** Land in Sy. No.28 and 25 feet Road.

B.R. Venkatachalapathy, Advocate No. 2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, J.M. Lane, Balepet, Bangalore-560053. Email: chalapathy.adv@gmail.com Mob: 9341195589.

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OP/SEC/SL/86 **E-TENDER NOTICE** 30-12-2022

1. Crude Palm Oil (CPO), Palm Kernel Oil, Palm Kernel Cake, Sludge Oil Mixture, High FFA Palm Oil and other by-products are available for sale throughout the year. Those who wish to participate may refer company's web site or www.etenders.kerala.gov.in or contact at above phone numbers.
2. 1000MT Fibre and Nut Shell (E tender ID: 2022_OPIL_545033_1) and 5000MT Empty Fruit Bunches (E tender ID: 2022_OPIL_545043_1) are available for sale through e-tender. For details refer company's web site or www.etenders.kerala.gov.in or contact at above phone numbers. Last date 21.01.2023, 6.55 PM.

Secretary & Sr.Manager (Commercial)

GOVT. OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR
Tel. 06766-258301(0), email: se_nerwkjr@rediffmail.com
eProcurement Notice for Bridge Work under BSY & DMF
Identification No. Bridge Online NCB No. 357
No.3043 / Date: 31-12-2022

O-1559

1. Name of the work :- Construction of Bridge Work under BSY & DMF in the District of Keonjhar
2. No. of work :- 05(Five) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost :- As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) :- As per Annexure in NIT.
5. Period of Completion :- As per Annexure in NIT.
6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender Online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date &Time of Opening of Tender in O/o C.C.E., R.W. Circe, Keonjhar	
		From	To		Technialal Bid	Fiancial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	Bridge Online NCB No. 357	Dt.09.01.23 at 11.00 A.M	Dt.24.01.23 up to 5.00 P.M	Dt.21.01.23 up to 5.00 P.M	Dt.25.01.23 at 11.00 A.M	Will be intimated later

• Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Keonjhar OIPR-25177/11/0034/2223

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice Bid No. GEM/2022/B/2896884
Dated : 26.12.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Bengaluru Division : The work of washing & ironing of Bedroll Lines supplied to AC coach passengers of trains in various coaching depots of Bengaluru Division for a period of three years including collection from train, transportation to laundry & delivery back to the nominated trains.	Rs. 18,67,57,351.56

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 20:00 Hrs. on 16-01-2023**
For details log on: https://gem.gov.in
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer
PUB/582/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Bengaluru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED,
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008.
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967
Tender Notice NIT.No.33/CD/T.No.33/2022-23 Dt.02.01.2023
(ONLINE ONLY)

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under **"Two Cover System"** through online only for the following work from **Class – I** State Level Civil Contractors registered in PWD / Highways / Any Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, Central Government Department, Tamil Nadu State Government Undertaking having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto **15.00 Hrs** (as per server system clock) **on 07.02.2023** and the same will be opened on the same day at **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock).

Name of Work	Approx. value of work	EMD
Creation of Infrastructure works viz., Formation of Roads including Construction of RCC side drain, Box Culvert, and Kerb Wall, Providing Street lights and Water Supply arrangements at SIPCOT Industrial Park, Sriperumbudur (Phase-IV, Mambakkam).	**Rs.2210.00 lakhs (including GST @18%)**	**Rs. 11,15,000/-***
* In the form of Demand Draft drawn in favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chennai. (In the Tenderer's Name/Firm only)		

The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website **www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/001/TENDER/2023 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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Expression of Interest (EoI)

File - CE/18/2011 No.02/EMP/CE/OSHB/2022-23 Dt. 31/12/2022

EMPANELMENT OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS FOR ODISHA STATE HOUSING BOARD

CAD-4340: The Chief Engineer, Odisha State Housing Board, Bhubaneswar invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for Empanelment of Eligible Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) and Private Sector Firms / Organizations for providing Project Management Consultant services to Odisha State Housing Board as detailed in this EOI.

S. No	Name of Work	Non-Refundable Bid Processing Fee	Period of Availability of EOI document	Eligibility Criteria	Period of Empanelment
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Empanelment of Project Management Consultants for OSHB	RS.11, 800 (Rs.10, 000 + GST 18%) (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred) Only	05/01/2023 to 30/01/2023	As detailed in this EOI	Three Years

1. The EOI document consisting of set of terms and conditions for empanelment and other necessary documents can be seen and downloaded from OSHB website: **https://oshb.org/**
2. The OSHB reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.
3. The addendum/ corrigendum if any will be hosted in the OSHB web site only i.e., **https://oshb.org/**

OIPR- 13030/11/0507/2223 **SD/-Dt.28-12-2022 CE, OSHB**

IN THE HON'BLE XXXIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE BENGALURU
O.S. No. 6269 / 2022

Plantiff's
Mr. Raghavendra Hunsur
S/o Rajashekhara H.K.
Aged about 36 years
Flat No. 1504, Tower 3, Tata Promont Apartment, Hosakerehalli, Off Ittamadu, Hosakerehalli, Katriguppe, Bengaluru. Karnataka - 560085. ..Plaintiff No. 1
Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd
Having its registered office at: 18 th Floor, A-Wing, Marathon Futurex, N.M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400 013, India. ..Plaintiff No. 2

Rohit S.
No 34012 Tata New Hevan Apartment, Near New APMC YA, Dasanapura Village, Bengaluru Rural 562123
Also at:
Bhairava Cinemas, S.J. Patel Complex, No. 2/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, Vinayaka Circle, Vyalikaval, Place Guttahalli (Near Malleshwaram 8th Cross) Bangalore 560003 ...Defendant No. 1

John Doe(s)
Alias Ashok Kumar ...Defendant No. 2

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908

To,
John Doe(s) Alias Ashok Kumar
1. Whereas Mr. Raghavendra Hunsur and Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. ("Plaintiffs") have instituted a suit against Mr. Rohith S (Defendant No. 1) and John Doe(s) Alias Ashok Kumar (Defendant No. 2) seeking inter alia, a permanent injunction restraining the Defendants from issuing or making any false / defamatory statements regarding the Plaintiffs herein or otherwise suggesting that the Plaintiffs herein have duped, cheated or defrauded the Defendant No. 1 in respect of the money allegedly invested by him towards the production / making of the television serial 'Kamali'.
2. The next date in the matter is **4th February 2023.** You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on the aforesaid date at 11.00 A.M. in person or through advocate/ pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

By the Order of the Court
Asst Registrar
City Civil Court Bengaluru

Advocate for the Plaintiffs:
Sudarshana M J
Saikrishna & Associates
Unit No. 4, Ground Floor, HM Geneva House, Cunningham Road, Bangalore 560052

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 72ND ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE MAYO HALL UNIT AT BANGALORE
P&SC .No. 25091/2022

BETWEEN:
1) Sri. BABU RAJ THUPPALAY Aged about 51 years S/o E.Rajan R/a, R 501 Rohan Jharoka 2, Yemlur, Bangalore-560037
2) Sri. BALRAJ THUPPALAY Aged about 56 years S/o E.Rajan R/a Flat 2F, 14/1, Prakash Emarald, 2nd E Cross, Near More Retail, Sultanpalya, Bangalore-560032
PETITIONERS

AND
NILL **RESONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the petitioners have filed the above petition for the order of grant of the Succession Certificate in their favor of General Provident Fund belonging to E. RAJAN respect of account in Post office , Branch-HAL 2nd Stage H.O bearing Account No.9466870189, CIF No. 848626674 and having the balance amount of Rs. 43,08745/- (Rupees Fourty three lakhs eight thousand seven hundred and fourty five only) and which case is pending on the file of Hon'ble 72nd additional city civil Judge CCH-73 Bangalore and any third persons interested hereby summoned to appear before the court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above petition on 17.01.2023 at 11-00 AM before the said court to answer the claim of the petitioners.

In default of your appearance on the day mentioned above the matter will be heard and determined ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 02 day of 01.2023.

ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONERS

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYO HALL BANGALORE

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सिंडिकेट Syndicate

CANARA BANK
Branch : Mid Corporate Branch, Mysuru

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
NOTICE ISSUED IN TERMS OF SEC.13 (4) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002, READ WITH RULE 8 (6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable)* possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is" "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on below mentioned date and below mentioned Recovery Amount to the Secured Creditor from Borrower Name and Guarantor Name. The below mentioned reserve price and earnest money deposit

Mid Corporate Branch, Mysuru

Sl No.	Name and Address of the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)	Details of the Mortgaged Secured Assets	
1.	**Borrower :** M/s Glacier Beverages Private Limited, Prop: Sri. Chandrashekar B K S/o Krishnappa, 2. Krishnappa K S/o Kariyappa, Industrial Property Site No. 5 measuring 2660 sq.ft., and Site No 6 measuring 2900 sq.ft., situated at Kodipalya village, Kengeri hobli, Bengaluru-560060.	1) All that part and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.05, Old Muncipal No 334/73/03/05 and presently New Khatha No 430/73/03/05 (Sy No 73) measuring North to South 40 feet and East to West 63 feet in Northern Side and 70 feet in Southern side total measuring 2660 sq.ft., Situated at Kodipalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru. Property bounded by:East: 30 feet Road, West: Private Property Sy. No 72, North: Site No 4, South: Site No 6 2) All that part and parcel of the Property bearing Site No 6 old municipal No 334/73/03/06 presently BBMP Khatha No 428/73/03/06 measuring North to South 40 feet and East to West 70 feet in Northern side and 75 feet in Southern side, measuring 2900 sq ft. situated at Kodipalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, B engaluru.Property bounded by:East: 30 feet Road West: Site No 72, North: Site No 5, South: Sy No 70	
	Outstanding amount and date 28.12.2022		
	Rs.3,53,31,340 (Rupees Three Crores Fifty three lakshs Thirty One thousand Three Hundred Fourty rupees only) together with further interest, costs & expenses as applicable.		
	Bank Detials for EMD Remittance and last date 19/01/2023 - 4.00 PM A/c Number: **1512201000739** Canara Bank, Nazarabad Branch, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE **CNRB0000565**	**Reserve Price and E.M.D. Amount of Property 1** **Rs.157.26 lakhs** ---------- **Rs.15.73 lakhs**	**Reserve Price and E.M.D. Amount of Property 2** **Rs.173.98 lakhs** ---------- **Rs.17.40 lakhs**

Portal of E-Auction : www.indianbankseauction.com
Terms and Conditions: 1. Last Date and Time of Submission of **E.M.D. : on or before 19/01/2023 - 4.00 PM.** and **Auction Date and Time : 20/01/2023-10.00 AM M to 02.00 P M.** With Unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale (2) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website **i.e. www.indianbankseauction.com**

Other terms and conditions :

a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.bankeauctionwizard.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **b)** The property can be inspected with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer on or before 19/01/2023. **c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favoring Authorised Officer. Canara Bank, Retail Asset Hub, Mysuru, OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to the credit of the account number 1512201000739 Canara Bank, Nazarbad Branch. Mysuru RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB0000565 on or before 19/01/2023-4.00 p.m **e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 19/01/2023-4.00 p.m. Canara Bank, Recovery Section, Regional Office. NO 26/A, Second Floor, Guest House Road, Nazarbad, Mysuru-570010, or by hand or by e- mail (mysrec@canarabank.com) i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. paid through RTGS/NEFT acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card. ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address. E Mail id. iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
f) The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.bankeauctionwizard.com and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s Antares Systems Ltd, Bangalore (Contact no 9686196756 / 080- 49352000 e-mail: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com. **g)** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
h) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.50,000/-The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
i) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
j) FOR IMMOVABLES: For sale proceeds of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
k) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful only. **l)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e- auction without assigning any reason there of.
m) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach Canara Bank, Mid Corporate Branch, MYSURU, OR Canara Bank. Regional office. Mysuru, No 26/A, First Floor, Guest House Road, Nazarabad, Mysuru-570010 who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements. **n)** For further details contact Canara Bank, Regional Office, NO 26/A, First Floor, Guest House Road. Nazarabad, Mysuru-570010 (**Ph. No. 94835 49661**) e-mail id mysrec@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s Antares Systems Ltd. Bangalore (Contact no 9686196756 / 080-49352000, e-mail: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Sd/-
Authorized officer,
Canara Bank, Mid Corporate Branch, Mysuru

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 30.12.2022

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
सिंडिकेट Syndicate

Regional Office South,
Basavanagudi,
Bengaluru - 560004.
PH : 080-26548864.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

Sl. No.	1) Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2) Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Possession type 3) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	1) **BORROWER (S) : A) Mr. Pradeep Shetty And Mrs. Shakila Shetty,** 2) Canara Bank - **DVG Road Branch** **Mob No. 9113692327**	1) Rs.32,85,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) **Symbolic** 3) **Rs.38,63,000.00** **EMD : Rs.3,87,000.00**	1) 19.01.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0000473 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 20.01.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 pm 3. 18.01.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
	Description of the immovable property - Flat no.303,3rd floor block F , in MVS Pride Apartments Kammasandra Village Attibele Hobli ,Anekkal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban district.			
2	1) **BORROWER (S) : A) M/s S S AGENCIES Prop: Mr. Ranganatha Raj Urs B A and Mrs. Sundaramma V S,** R/o.No.469/473, Katha no:754/545/469/473, Gopalakrishnaswamy temple, Road Harohalli, Kanakapura Taluk Ramnagar Dist. 2) Canara Bank - **DVG Road Branch** **Mob No. 9113692327**	1) Rs.31,29,000.00 plus further interest & charges 2) **Symbolic** 3) **Rs.62,93,000.00** **EMD : Rs.6,30,000.00**	1) 19.01.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0000473 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 20.01.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 pm 3. 18.01.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
	Description of the immovable property - Propert bearing No. 469/473 Khata No. 754/545/469/473, Goplakrishnaswamy temple road, Harohalli, Kanakapura taluk, Ramnagar Dist Boundaries: **East by**: Property of Byrappa, **West by**: Property of Thimmaiah, **North by :** Property oF Venkataraju and **South by** :Road.			

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **http://www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 31.12.2022

Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

Market Watch

MARKET			FOREX	
327.05 ▲ Sensex	61,167.79		▲ Dollar	82.74
92.15 ▲ Nifty	18,197.45		▼ Euro	88.40

New law proposed for online gaming

Govt proposes self regulatory body for gaming companies; mandatory verification of players

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

IN a bid to clear the ambiguity surrounding the regulatory purview over online gaming companies, the government on Monday released a set of draft rules that proposes a self-regulatory mechanism, mandatory verification of players and physical Indian address for online gaming companies.

The online gaming firms will fall under the new IT rules that were issued in 2021 for social media platforms.

The final draft is expected in February following consultation from all stakeholders. "These rules are expected to shape future of India's online gaming industry in the country," said Minister of State for Electronics and IT (Meity) Rajeev Chandrasekhar. The minister, while explaining about the law, said the online games that offer winnings, any game that allows wagering on the outcome is effectively a no-go area. "If you bet on the outcome of a game it is prohibited under 3(1) b under 10," he added. The Centre recently appointed MeitY as the nodal ministry for matters relating to online gaming with monetary risks. As per the proposed law, the online gaming intermediary will have to display a demonstrable and visible mark of registration on all online games registered by the self-regulatory body. They will need to inform the risk of financial loss and addiction associated with these online games. The intermediary, at the time of commencement of a user account based relationship for an online game, identifies the user and verifies his identity. There will be a grievance officer, who will coordinate with law enforcement agencies and their officers to ensure compliance with their orders or requisitions made in accordance with any law for the time being in force. "We believe this is a great step for comprehensive regulation for online gaming and will hopefully reduce the state-wise regulatory fragmentation that was a big challenge for the industry. These rules will also be a start in curbing the menace of anti-national and illegal offshore gambling platforms," said Roland Landers, CEO, All India Gaming Federation.

Game changing rules

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SBI, ICICI systemically important lenders

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) yesterday said that State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) or institutions which are 'too big to fail'.

The RBI announced SBI and ICICI Bank as D-SIBs in 2015 and 2016.

Based on data collected from banks as of March 31, 2017, HDFC Bank was also classified as a D-SIB.

The current update is based on data collected from banks as on March 31, 2022.

"SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), under the same bucketing structure as in the 2021 list of D-SIBs. The additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) requirement for D-SIBs was phased-in from April 1, 2016, and became fully effective from April 1, 2019," said the central bank in a statement.

"The additional Common Equity Tier 1 requirement will be in addition to the capital conservation buffer," it added.

SIBs are perceived as banks that are 'too big to fail (TBTF)'. This perception of TBTF creates an expectation of government support for these lenders in times of distress.

Because of this, these banks enjoy certain advantages in the funding markets.

The framework for dealing with D-SIBs was issued in July 2014. The framework requires the central bank to disclose the names of banks designated as D-SIBs starting from 2015 and place these lenders in appropriate buckets depending upon their Systemic Importance Scores (SISs).

Based on the bucket in which a Domestic Systemically Important Banksis placed, an additional common equity requirement has to be applied to it. The Additional Common Equity Tier 1 requirement as a percentage of Risk Weighted Assets (RWAs) in case of SBI is 0.6 percent, and 0.2% for ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank.

JET MONITORING PANEL REINS IN CEO KAPOOR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AMID growing skepticism over Jet Airways' revival, its new CEO Sanjiv Kapoor has been barred by the Monitoring Committee from representing the airline.

The Committee has reportedly objected to the 'CEO' designation of Kapoor and asked the aviation veteran to not make any statements on behalf of Jet Airway.

"Sanjiv Kapoor was appointed by Jalan Karlock Consortium (JKC) as the designated CEO of the to-be revived Jet Airways in April 2022, after agreement and clearance from all relevant stakeholders. The Monitoring Committee has equal representation from the JKC and the erstwhile creditors of Jet Airways. As a US citizen, Kapoor also received the required security clearance from the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Home Affairs earlier in 2022," said Spokesperson, JKC.

The spokesperson added that until the ownership of Jet Airways is transferred to JKC, Kapoor remains CEO-Designate and his mandate is to lead 'Jet 2.0' post-handover, and he has been focused on the preparation for that. The NCLT-appointed resolution professional of Jet Airways, Ashish Chhawchharia, has asked the airline not use the 'CEO' designation till the new owners- the Jalan Kalrock Consortium- gets the ownership of the airline. The fresh development comes at a time when the ongoing tension between the JKC and Jet Airways' lenders over the transfer of the airline's ownership has raised questions on the survival of the brand. In March 2022, JKC had announced the appointment of Kapoor as its CEO. Kapoor was previously associated with Vistara and SpiceJet. Post taking the charge, Kapoor had said launching flight operations by October 2022. Add to it, workers of Jet Airways have been demanding to clear their dues and one partner in the consortium is facing investigation by regulatory agencies in Europe. The JKC, a partnership of UAE-based businessmen Murari Lal Jalan and Fritsch of Kalrock Capital, had won the bid for Jet Airways way back in October 2020.

'Don't make statements'

Monitoring Committee has reportedly objected to the 'CEO' designation of Kapoor and asked the aviation veteran to not make any statements on behalf of Jet Airways

Currency circulation doubles since demonetisation in 2016

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

AS the Supreme Court validates the government's decision to demonetize ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes in 2016, the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) data shows currency in circulation has almost doubled in the six years since demonetization.

Just ahead of the demonetization, currency in circulation was valued at ₹17 lakh crore. As on December 23, 2022, the currency in circulation stood at ₹32.4 lakh crore, according to the RBI data. In a bid to put halt on black money circulation and promote digital payments, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2016 had banned old ₹500 and ₹1,000 currency notes. It may be recalled that the currency in circulation (CIC) had plummeted massively to ₹9 lakh crore following demonetization on January 6 in 2017. This was a 50% decline from ₹17 lakh crore as recorded on November 4, 2016.

The Supreme Court on Monday upheld the Centre's decision to demonetize 86% of the country's cash in circulation. It said the decision was taken in consultation with the RBI and followed proper decision making process. Out of the five-member bench constitution of the Supreme Court, only Justice B V Nagarathna dissented the majority's decision. She said scrapping of ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes should have been done through legislation and not via notification. She also said only the opinion was sought from RBI on the demonetization matter, which cannot be termed as recommendation. "Parliament cannot be left aloof on an issue of such critical importance for the country," she added.

Subhash Chandra Garg, former economic affairs secretary said, "The judgement today has upheld the legality and constitutionality of the demonetisation. However, its economic, social and security impact were quite different. There was no reduction in black money, corruption or cash though there was good impact on control of fake currency and terrorist activity for some time."

CASH REMAINS THE KING

Year	Cash in circulation (₹ lakh cr)	Cash/GDP ratio (%)
2022-23*	32.42	12.57
2021-22	31.33	13.27
2020-21	28.53	14.41
2019-20	24.47	12.05
2018-19	21.37	11.31
2017-18	18.29	10.70
2016-17	13.35	8.67

*Till December 23; Note: 2022-23 Cash/GDP ratio is arrived at by taking FY23 GDP estimate
Source: RBI

Swiggy FY22 loss doubles to ₹3,629 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ Bengaluru

FOOD delivery giant Swiggy's FY22 losses more than doubled to ₹3,629 crore in FY22 compared to ₹1,612 crore in FY21.

According to its filings with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Swiggy's revenues spiked to ₹6,120 crore from ₹2,675.9 crore in the previous fiscal. Its revenues in FY20 stood at ₹3,727.7 crore.

The food delivery company said its business has shown strong growth throughout the year and has grown by 1.6x from March 2021 level with strong focus on customer acquisition and retention and supply improvements, among others. It reported expenses of ₹9,574 crore in FY22 as against ₹4,139 crore in the year-ago period. "We continued to focus on growth post business recovery from COVID, particularly on expansion of our quick commerce offering," it said.

EXPRESS READ

PE-VC investments drop 29% to $46 bn in 2022

BENGALURU: Private Equity-Venture Capital (PE-VC) firms investments in India drop by 29% in 2022 as against the previous year. In 2022, these firms have invested $46 billion across 1,261 deals in Indian firms compared to $65 billion across 1,362 deals in 2021, as per Venture Intelligence report. Qatar Investment Authority's $1.5 billion investment in the new media and consumer technology focused platform Bodhi Tree was the largest in 2022. *ENS*

Equity market kicks off 2023 with gains; Sensex, Nifty surge 0.5%

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIA'S equity market clocked gains on the first trading day of calendar year 2023.

The benchmark BSE Sensex closed the Monday session at 61,167.79 points, up 327.05 points (or 0.45%) while the broader Nifty 50 rose 92.15 points (or 0.51%) to shut shop at 18,197.45 points. The gains came on the back of buying seen in metal stocks and GST revenues surging 15% to ₹1.49 lakh crore in December 2022. Among Sensex stocks, Tata Steel (up 5.8%) was the top gainer followed by Tata Motors (up 1.8%) and ICICI Bank (1.5%). Asian Paints, Titan and Tech Mahindra were the biggest laggards in the 30-share pack. "India's manufacturing PMI rose to 57.8 in December from 55.7 in the previous month, with new orders rising at the fastest pace since February 2021. Metal stocks led the surge following reports of China raising export duties to support their domestic demand, which is positive for India," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Nair expects 2023 to be a year to buy equities in anticipation that a large part of the global recession has already been factored in the market.

Despite numerous headwinds such as growth rate slowing down, more interest rate hikes, recessionary fears, covid-19 worries and ongoing tussle between Russia and Ukraine, most brokerages expect India's equity market to deliver returns in CY2023. However, their target for the year varies by a wide margin.

Sensex and Nifty surged over 4% in CY2022 after double digit growth in the previous three years. ICICI Securities believes that the BSE barometer Sensex may touch 71,600 level by December 2023, an upside potential of 17% from current values. For Nifty, the domestic brokerage has a target of 21,500 level. Emkay Institutional Equities expects the Sensex at 64,500 and Nifty to touch 19,500 by December 2023, indicating a 7-8% increase from the current levels. Analysts at Emkay said that barring any major change in the global macroeconomic and geopolitical set-up, the increase in Nifty50's profit after tax (PAT) in 2023 will be led by banks. They added that banks will be followed by a PAT uptick in auto original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and ancillaries, oil and gas, and IT companies.

Rise in metal stocks, GST revenue push mkt up

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Bank customers miss deadline for signing new locker agreement

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WITH the deadline to renew the locker agreement passed on January 1, many customers have demanded to extend the deadline. Customers blamed their banks for missing the deadline saying that they were informed about the deadline very late.

As per the revised guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks were required to renew their locker agreements with existing locker customers by January 1, 2023.

The signing of new agreement requires fresh paper work to be completed on stamp paper and submitted before the deadline.

Many customers said that they received the message from the banks regarding this through SMS or email barely 15 to 20 days before the deadline while some other banks sent it as late as December 30.

"Now bank asked all customers having locker to do new agreement with ₹300 non judicial stamp before 1st January 2023 and for same we received mail from Bank on December 29, 2022. Is this another way to collect money from people" said Dipakkumar Prafulchandra Desai in a tweet.

Extending the deadline will be a huge relief for those customers who are out of city or country and were unable to sign the new agreement.

"We are asked to execute fresh locker agreement by bank within 31.12.2022 on instructions from RBI. As people are on a holiday mood and a number of customers are on outing/tour, we appeal to extend the time limit for a month," Subhajit Acharyya Chowdhury said in a tweet.

Q3 preview: IT companies staring at muted revenue growth

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IT companies will deliver muted revenue growth in the third quarter of this fiscal. Starting from January 9 with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), IT companies will release their December quarter results.

According to analysts, as the third quarter is a seasonally weak quarter due to higher furloughs, IT firms might report subdued revenues.

IDBI Capital expects Infosys (1% QoQ growth in CC terms) and Wipro (1.2% QoQ) to outperform large cap companies and HCL is expected to register 2.8% QoQ growth led by product revenues- up 18% QoQ.

In its earnings preview, IDBI Capital said Infosys will revise revenue guidance from 15-16% to 15.5%-16.5%.

In the second quarter, the second largest IT services company Infosys revised its FY 23 revenue guidance to 15%-16% from 14%-16%, and trimmed its operating margin guidance to 21%-22% (from 21%-23%).

It forecasts EBIT margin of Wipro to grow by 68 bps QoQ led by lower attrition.

In the Q2 earnings conference, Thierry Delaporte, CEO and MD, Wipro, said that they are seeing a change in the level of optimism, as businesses around the world are dealing with inflationary pressures, geopolitical turmoil, energy crises and rising interest rates.

In the third quarter too, furloughs are likely to weigh on growth. "For Indian IT services companies, the pain is likely to be more pronounced in interest rate-sensitive sectors like mortgage, capital markets in the BFSI vertical, discretionary retail, and pockets of manufacturing verticals," said Nomura. It expects USD revenue growth to slow down from 12.7% in FY23F to 8.0% in FY24F. Also, IT budgets are likely to be prioritised in areas of automation and cost efficiencies.

Kotak Institutional Equities believes that Infosys will retain 15-16% revenue growth guidance.

"Infosys and HCLT have guided for an EBIT margin band of 21-23% and 18-20%, respectively. We expect FY2023E EBIT margin at the lower end of the band," it said.

Also, analysts indicate that there will be a decline in IT budgets for CY2023. Nomura's recent survey among industry participants suggests increased caution on tech spending by enterprises in developed markets across most industries.

Infosys, Wipro to outperform large cap firms

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Tata Group veteran, close confidant of Ratan Tata Krishna Kumar dies at 86

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RK Krishna Kumar, a Tata Group veteran and a close confidant of Ratan Tata, passed away on Sunday at the age of 86.

Kumar, who worked with the Tata Group for 50 years, rose through the ranks of the group to head Tata Beverages and Indian Hotels Company, before becoming a close associate of Ratan Tata in Tata Sons.

A graduate from Loyala College, and post graduate from Presidency College in Chennai, Krishna Kumar started his career in Tata group when he joined Tata Administrative Services in 1963.

Kumar was posted in Tata industries for two years, and later shifted to Tata Global Beverages in 1965, where he rose through the ranks and became the managing director of the company. There he formed a joint venture with global beverages major Tetley of UK in 1992, and later acquired the British company for 271 million pounds, making the Tata Global beverages as the second largest beverages company in the world.

He later headed the Indian Hotels Company, the Tata Group-owned hospitality major. He later became one of the trustees of Tata Trust, one of the major stakeholders of Tata Sons. He later assisted Ratan Tata in RNT Associates, a start-up incubator promoted by Ratan Tata. He continued to be part of the Tata Sons boards till he retired in 2013.

Reacting to the demise of Kumar, Ratan Tata said in an emotional tweet: "Words cannot describe the deep sense of loss I feel on the passing of my friend and colleague RK Krishnakumar."

Rise from the ranks

Kumar, who worked with the Tata Group for 50 yrs, rose through ranks to head Tata Beverages and Indian Hotels, before becoming close associate of Ratan Tata

ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಎಸ್.ಎನ್. ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಮೊದಲನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ನಗರ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಎದುರು, 'ಡಿ' ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ- 561203, ದೂ: 080-29562046

ಸಂ.: DPA/TP/CLU/36/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.01.2023

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನಗರ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1961ರ ಕಲಂ 14(ಎ) ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ' ದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ' ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಗಧಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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ಷರಾ: ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿತ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯೋಜಿತ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯ ವಸತಿ ವಿನ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ವಸತಿ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಯಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಅಂಶ ಅಡಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು 'ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ವಲಯ' ದಿಂದ 'ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ' ಕ್ಕೆ ಭೂ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು, ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಯೋಜನಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ., ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ.

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया **Bank of India** BOI

Yeshwantpur Branch, No:62, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, 2nd Stage, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb, Bengaluru-560022.

DEMAND NOTICE

All of you the under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against each of you under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the notice under Section 13 (2) of the Act sent to each of you separately by Registered Post ACK. Due has been returned. Hence you are here by called upon to take notice to pay the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Bank will proceed against the below mentioned property to realise its dues with interest and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of NPA/ Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding	Description of the Property
1	**Mr. Mahesh N.** No.482, 1st Main, Panchasheelanagar, Moodalapalya, Bangalore-5600072. **Also At: Mr. Mahesh N. S/o. Mr. Nanjappa,** No.75, C Block, 1st Main Road, Srigandadakaval, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072. **Mr. Mahesh N.** No.5K 1105 Provident Sunworth Apartment Phase 2, Venkatapura Behind Rajarajeshwari Hospital, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060 **Housing Loan**	**NPA Date: 03.01.2021 Demand Notice 30.12.2022**	**Rs. 44,80,915.66 with Interest @ 8.15 % p.a. monthly rests together with costs, expenses, etc.**	EQM of property bearing Site No:1, Corporation Khata No:164/1/24/2, situated at Malathahalli, Bangalore in Ward No:129 of Malathahalli Sub-Division, belonging to Mr. Mahesh N. and measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet , totaling 1200 sqft and **bounded by:** East by: Site No:2 belonging to Mr. Mahesh, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.
2	**Mrs. V. Sujatha Umesh J. W/o Mr. Umesh J** No:408, Near Shiva Temple, Bagalur Post, Bangalore-562149 **Also At: Mrs. V. Sujatha Umesh J. W/o Mr. Umesh J** No:582/1, 4th Floor 7th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 5600072. **Mrs. V. Sujatha Umesh J. W/o. Mr. Umesh J** No:507, 3rd Floor, 7th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 5600072. **Mrs. V. Sujatha Umesh J.** Casa Bella No.25, 3rd Floor, Flat No.207, Apoorva Layout , 80 Feet Main Road, 2nd stage, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560072 **Housing Loan**	**NPA Date: 30.09.2019 Demand Notice 30.12.2022**	**Rs. 49,55,565.65 with Interest @ 7.90 % p.a. monthly rests together with costs, expenses, etc.**	EQM of property bearing Site No:2, Corporation Khata No:162/2/24/2, situated at Malathahalli, Bangalore in Ward No:129 of Malathahalli Sub-Division, belonging to Mrs. Sujatha Umesh J. and measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, totaling 1200 sqft and **bounded by:** East by: Site No: 3 belonging to R.Shobha Rani, West by: Site no:1 belonging to J. Umesh, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.
3	**Mr. Umesh J. S/o Mr. Jayaram. B.S** No:582/1, 4th Floor 7th Main Road, Vinayaka Layout, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 5600072. **Also At: Mr. Umesh J. S/o Mr. Jayaram. B.S.,** No:408, Near Shiva Temple, Bagalur Post, Bangalore-562149. **Mr. Umesh J.** Casa Bella No.25 3rd Floor, Flat No.207, Apoorva Layout, 80 Feet Main Road, 2nd stage, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560072 **Housing Loan**	**NPA Date: 31.10.2019 Demand Notice 30.12.2022**	**Rs. 48,08,766.58 with Interest @ 7.90 % p.a. monthly rests together with costs, expenses, etc.**	EQM of property bearing Site No:4, Corporation Khata No:192/1/24/2/4, situated at Malathahalli, Bangalore in Ward No:129 of Malathahalli Sub-Division, belonging to Mr. Umesh J. and measuring East to West 34 feet, North to South 40 feet , totaling 1360 sqft and **bounded by:** East by: Remaining portion of property bearing assessment No.24/2, West by: Property No.3, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

Date: 30-12-2022, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of India**

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

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TENDER CUM - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RE-CONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, borrowers **M/s.Vishwas Granites Represented by its Proprietor: Sri. Vishwas B R** S/o Late Rajashekar Reddy B V Office at # 80/85, 3rd Main Road, New Tharagupet, Bangalore 560 002. **Personal Guarantee: 1) Mr. Vishwas B R** S/o Late Rajashekar Reddy B V Residing at # 1883. 10th Main, 31st Cross, BSK II Stage, Bangalore 560070. **2) Mr. Madhusudan H P** S/o Hanuma Reddy Prasanna Kumar, #560, 1st Main Road, Nagendra Block, Banashankari, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560050, having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd., Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.10,98,28,280/- (Rupees Ten Crores Ninety Eight Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred And Eighty Only) as on 20.07.2019,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder on , and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy No.130/1(vide Conversion order No. ALN:SR.8/83-84 dated 16.12.1984 issued by Tahsildar, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist measuring 22 Guntas (Twenty Two Guntas) of dry land (23958 Sq feet of land) situated at Yamare Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist. and Building thereon and bounded on: East By : Land in Sy No.130/2, West By : Dommasandra Road, North By : Lands in Sy No.130/2, South By: Water Channel thereafter Private property. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy No.130/2 (vide Conversion order No.ALN:SR:15/1980-81 dated 25.08.1980 issued by the Tahsildar, Anekal Tq, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore) measuring 1 Acre 22 Guntas (One Acre and Twenty two Guntas) land of dry (67518 Sq feet of land) situated at Yamare village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist. and Building thereon and bounded on: East By: Portion of Sy No.130/2, of Yamare Village, West By: Property of Vishwas Granites Sy No.130/1 and Dommasandra Road, North By : Property of Sy No.90/2, and Sy No.91/1 of T C Halli village, South By: Property of Sy No.127.	**24-01-2023 at 11.30 AM** **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Cross, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010.**	**Rs.16,50,00,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Crore Fifty Lakh Only)** **EMD: Rs.1,65,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Five Lakh Only)**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - 1) The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476)** on all working days during office hours. **2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **"Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,"** payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476)** Latest by **23.01.2023 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 24.01.2023. 8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorized Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **11)** The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **13)**The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between **10.00 AM and -5.00PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **15)** Bidder can bid for all or any one of the lots by submitting their EMD amount for the individual property. **16)** In case the bidder is a company, a copy of the resolution passed by the Board of Directors authorizing the actual bidder to participate in the auction on behalf of the Company should be submitted. **(17)** If the sale price is more than **Rs.50,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only), then the auction purchaser/successful bidder has to deduct 1% of the Sale Price as TDS in the name of owner of the property & remit to Income Tax Department as per Section 194 IA of Income Tax Act and only 99% of the Sale Price has to be remitted to the Bank. The Sale Certificate will be issued only on receipt of Form 26QB & Challan for having remitted the TDS.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476) Mail: securitization@tgmcbank.com**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 02-01-2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

KKRTC CIVIL DIVISION, KALABURAGI

MSK Mill Road, Jewargi Cross Kalaburagi.

No: KKT/EEG/KLB/DB/960 /2022-23 Date: 31/12/2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 13/2022-23

Through GOK e-procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Eligible Class-I Contractors/Firms registered in Karnataka at KPWD/CPWD / MES are hereby invited for the below civil works in Two cover system through E-procurement portal mode. 1) Name of work: Construction of RTO Office at Yadgir. Amount put to Tender (Rs in lakhs) -500.00. Last date for receipt of tenders -07-02-2023.

The tender schedule will be available on or after 06-01-2023. The intended bidders are requested to login to the web site mentioned below.
www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Telephone No. 08472-220663.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KKRTC Civil Division Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/1051/MC&A/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE - U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP,
HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017. (Phone: 080 25084177, 4184, 4156)

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl.No	Description	Details		
1	Name of work	Supplying, Installing, Testing & Commissioning of Bio Gas plant of 250 Kg Capacity at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru 560037	Refurbishing the Existing ESD Flooring in Clean Room-1 at Main Campus, URSC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017	Painting and Refurbishment of Quarter Guard and Barracks at CISF Quarters and Barracks at Thippasandra, Bengaluru.
2	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/45/2022-23 dated:30.12.2022	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/46/2022-23 dated:30.12.2022	URSC/C&MG/C/TN/47/2022-23 dated:30.12.2022
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 22.30 Lakhs	₹ 19.55 Lakhs	₹ 6.60 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	E-Tender		
5	Period of completion	SIX MONTHS	FOUR MONTHS	THREE MONTHS
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 44,600/- valid for 180 days	₹ 39,100/- valid for 180 days	₹ 13,200/- valid for 180 days
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 09.30 hrs on 03.01.2023 to 16.30 hrs on 17.01.2023		
8	Bid clarification	From 10.30 hrs on 04.01.2023 to 17.00 hrs on 18.01.2023		
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 19.01.2023		
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 20.01.2023		
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	14.30 hrs onwards on 20.01.2023		

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

Sd/-, Group Director (C&MG)

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division,
Kushalnagara – 571234,
Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District

Tel. No. : 08276 – 274365
Fax. No. : 08276 – 274365
e-mail :eehrdksh@gmail.com
Karnataka State.

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 24/2022-23, Dt: 02.01.2023

(Through e-procurement Portal Only-Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara, Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for the work "Weed clearance surrounding the river Cauvery and its tributaries near Bhagamandala village". Estimated cost of the work is Rs. 99.00 lakhs only.

The contractors can have access/download tender document from e-procurement portal and the last date to submit the filled tender document is 09-01-2023 till 4.00 PM. Technical bid will be opened on 10-01-2023 at 4:30 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after the approval of Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement web-site address http://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in.

Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for each work. Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during the office hours.

Executive Engineer,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha
Kushalanagar, Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District – 571234, Karnataka

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APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]
Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Stressed Asset Management Vertical Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches. Secured Creditor will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is "and " whatever there is"** and **"Without recourse basis"** condition by Public E-Auction on **25.01.2023, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)** for recovery of dues as mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1	**Borrower: M/s Golden Shelters Private Limited,** Rutland Tower, IV Floor, No.33, Shafee Mohammed Road, Off. Greams Road, Chennai–600006. **Alternate Address:** M/s Golden Shelters Private Limited, Brigade Metropolis", Plot No.1, Mahadevapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560048. **Guarantors: 1. Mr. K. Badrinarayan Choudhary** B 2603 Bridge Wood, House of Hiranandani, 5/63 Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Egattur, Padur, Chengalpattu Kancheepuram Tamil Nadu – 603103 **2. Mr. Y. Anandagiri,** H No. 4-157, Govardhanapuran, Avanthi Road, Varadaiah Palem, Chittoor , A.P. – 517541 **3. Mr. NKV Krishna, 4.Mrs. K Preetha Borth are residing at:** No.27, Chellammal Street, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600015	**ITEM NO 1:** Office space bearing Unit No. B-1001 in 10th Floor, measuring 41,260 sq. ft. super built up area in the building 'Summit – B' of "Brigade Metropolis" which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with right to use 55 covered car parking spaces in the lower Basement Floor/ upper Basement Floor/ First Floor / First Floor /Second Floor, office spaces bearing Municipal Nos. 114-S11-8,114-S11-9 & 114-S11-10(part) respectively in the records of BBMP, Bangalore – Whitefield Road, in Doddanekkundi II Phase Industrial Area, Mahadevapura Village, Hoody Sub Division, Bangalore and more fully described in Sale Deed registered as document No. MDP1-01325-2012-2013 and stored in CD No. MDPD115 dated 25.07.2012 in the office of Sub registry at Mahadevapura, Bangalore.	**Rs. 66,62,44,018.41 (Rupees Sixty-Six crores sixty-two lakhs forty-four thousand eighteen and forty one paisa)** as on **31.03.2022** with further interest, cost and expenses	**Rs. 31,42,00,000/-**	**Rs. 3,14,20,000/-**
		ITEM NO 2: Office space bearing Unit No. B-1101 in 11th Floor, measuring 41,830 sq. ft. super built up area in the building 'Summit – B' of "Brigade Metropolis" which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with right to use 50 covered car parking spaces in the lower Basement Floor/ upper Basement Floor/ First Floor / first floor /Second floor, office spaces bearing Municipal Nos. 114-S11-8,114-S11-9 & 114-S11-10(part) respectively in the records of BBMP, Bangalore – Whitefield Road, in Doddanekkundi II Phase Industrial Area, Mahadevapura Village, Hoody Sub Division, Bangalore and more fully described in Sale Deed registered as document No. MDP1-01325-2012-2013 and stored in CD No. MDPD115 dated 25.07.2012 in the office of Sub registry at Mahadevapura, Bangalore.		**Rs. 32,22,00,000/-**	**Rs. 3,22,20,000/-**
		ITEM NO 3: Office space bearing Unit No. B-1201 in 12th Floor, measuring 21,740 sq. ft. super built up area in the building 'Summit – B' of "Brigade Metropolis" which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with right to use 35 covered car parking spaces in the lower Basement Floor/ upper Basement Floor/ First Floor / first floor /Second floor, office spaces bearing Municipal Nos. 114-S11-8,114-S11-9 & 114-S11-10(part) respectively in the records of BBMP, Bangalore – Whitefield Road, in Doddanekkundi II Phase Industrial Area, Mahadevapura Village, Hoody Sub Division, Bangalore and more fully described in Sale Deed registered as document No. MDP1-01325-2012-2013 and stored in CD No. MDPD115 dated 25.07.2012 in the office of Sub registry at Mahadevapura, Bangalore.		**Rs. 16,67,00,000/-**	**Rs. 1,66,70,000/-**
		ITEM NO 4: Office space bearing Unit No. B-1202 in 12th Floor, measuring 19,520 sq. ft. super built up area in the building 'Summit – B' of "Brigade Metropolis" which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with right to use 10 covered car parking spaces in the lower Basement Floor/ upper Basement Floor/ First Floor / first floor /Second floor, office spaces bearing Municipal Nos. 114-S11-10 respectively in the records of BBMP, Bangalore – Whitefield Road, in Doddanekkundi II Phase Industrial Area, Mahadevapura Village, Hoody Sub Division, Bangalore and more fully described in Sale Deed registered as document No. MDP-1-04955-2013-2014 and stored in CD No. MDPD137 dated 16.12.2013 in the office of Sub registry at Mahadevapura, Bangalore.		**Rs. 14,76,00,000/-**	**Rs. 1,47,60,000/-**

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp** by using their Mobile number and valid email:id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the **Union Bank of India, SAMV Branch Bengaluru** at the above mentioned address & Mail Id and also the **Branch Manager Mr. Lakshmeesha K Bhargav,** Chief Manager for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property, **Contact No.91641 46425. The Intending bidders can also visit our bank website : www.uninonbankofindia.co.in/auction-property.**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6) Rule 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/s 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrowers and Guarantors of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 02.01.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT LOST

Public are hereby informed that my client **Anurag Jain** S/o Rajkumar Jain have lost **Form of Declaration** of his **Flat M1102, Ajmera Infinity at Electronic city Bengaluru bearing document No. BNG (U) BGR/ 884/ 2011-2012** or **BIC I, 884/11-12.** In this regard my client has lodge a Complaint to Bangalore city Police vide Lost report No.0421181/2022. If anyone find the above said Document kindly return to the undersigned address.

Sd/-
Prasad Badhya, Advocate
No.739/39, 1st Floor, Dr. Raj Kumar Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010.
Mob: 9844788741

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client has negotiated to purchase the lands morefully described in the schedule hereunder written and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property, from its lawful owners **1) Smt. RATHNAMMA,** W/o Late Muniyappa, **2) Smt. YELLAMMA,** W/o Late Muniswamappa, **3) Sri. NARAYANAPPA,** S/o Late Lingappa, **4) Sri. MUNIYELLAPPA,** S/o Late Lingappa, All are residing at Kammasandra Village, Electronic City Post, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. Any person / institutions claiming to have any right, title, interest, charge, lien or minor claims whatsoever over the schedule properties may lodge his/her/ their its claim to the undersigned with documentary proof within **Fifteen (15) days** of this publication, falling which it will be presumed that there are no objections or claim or disputes in respect of the schedule properties and my client shall proceed to get the schedule properties conveyed in his favour. No claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. 3/3, measuring to an extent of 0-14 ½ Guntas, situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and bounded on the

East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 3/4, **West by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 3/2, **North by:** Road & Land bearing Sy. No. 6, **South by:** Road & Land bearing Sy. No.2.

Sd/- **J.M. MUNIRAJU**
LOKESH .R & Associates, Advocates
17 & 32, Ground Floor, Amar Towers, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009.
Mob: 9886185595

DOCUMENTS LOST

This is to inform to the general public that my client **Sri Ravi .C** S/o Sri Chinnaswamy, aged about 40 years, (Aadhar No. 4958 0290 3327) residing at Veerabhadraswamy Nilaya, 1st Cross, Subhashnagar, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562 123, have lost the original documents of property belongs to Smt. M. Anithalakshmi with her possession of Bangalore Rural District, Nelamangala Taluk, Kasaba Hobli, Basavanahalli Village, converted land of Sy.No. 83/3, Nelamangala Nagarasabhe of Basavanahalli Village belongs to Maruti Layout in which Site No. 37, Khaneshumari No. 755/37, total area of 1005 Sqft vacant site which she got the sale deed from Sri Gangaraju on 05-07-2006 at Nelamangala Sub-Registrar Office, Vide Doc. No. MNG-1-03095-2006-07, CD No. NMGD-63.

Thereafter the afore said property has registered in favour of Sri K.C. Maruthi from Smt. Anithalakshmi through Sale Deed dated 08-02-2012 at Nelamangala Sub-Registrar Office, Vide Doc. No. MNG-1-08772-2011-02, Book-1, CD No. NMGD-203.

Thereafter the afore said property has registered in favour of my client Sri Ravi .C, from Sri K.C. Maruthi through Sale Deed dated 11-11-2011 at Nelamangala Sub-Registrar Office, Vide Doc. No. MNG-1-09247-2021-22, CD No. NMGD-1182.

The Sale Deed in the name of Smt. M. Anithalakshmi was in my client's custody. But on 12-12-2022 when he went to take xerox copies at Nelamangala, the above said Sale Deed has been lost.

Inspite of his best efforts he could not trace the same and he also confirm that he and his family members have not given the Sale Deed to anybody nor pledged with anybody nor seized. In this regard on 21-12-2022 he had lodged police complaint at Police Station and got the receipt of Lost report. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the below mentioned address.

GANGARAJU, Advocate
Basavanahalli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
Mobile: 9880834381 Dt: 21-12-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client is intending to purchase House property bearing No.106, Chennamana Kere Achukattu, Banashankari 3rd stage, Kathriguppe, a layout formed by the BDA, Now coming under BBMP limits No.106, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, BSK 3rd Stage, Chennamanakere Achkut, Bengaluru-560085, Behind Sri Venkatadri kalyana Mantapa, PID No.54-108-106, Ward No-164, measuring East to West : (7.62+7.46)/2 Metres and North to South : (12+12.20)/2 Meters and bounded on the East By : Property No.109, West By : Road, Corporation Road, North By: Property No.105, South By : Property No.107 from **MR.VIVEK SANDAL MURALIDHARA** and **MR.VINAY S MURALIDHARA,** Both sons of Late.S.R.Muralidhara. Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within SEVEN days from the date of this publication, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

RAJAGOPALA NAIDU
PRASHANT N RAJ, Advocates,
No.4, 'Krishnaraja' 4th Floor,
50 Feet Road, Hanumanthanagar,
Bengaluru - 560 019.
Bengaluru, Date: 02/01/2023

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 82[nd] CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURTS DIVISION), AT BANGALORE (CCH - 83)
Comm OS No. 4115/2017

BETWEEN : M/S. CHARTERED SPEED PVT. LTD., having its office at : Sarkhej Bavla Highway, Sanathal, Ahemdabad – 382210, Gujarat, Represented herein by its Executive Officer, Devang Sanghvi **....PLAINTIFF**

AND: 1. RELIGARE FINVEST LIMITED
Having its registered office at D-3, P3B, District Centre, Saket, New Delhi – 110017, and also having a branch office at No. 1314, 1[st] & 2[nd] Floor, Double Road, HAL 2[nd] Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038

2. M/S. BLUE HILL LOGISTICS PVT. LTD.
Having its office at No. 171, 2[nd] Floor, Brigade Road, Bangalore – 560001
Represented by its Director,
Ms. Meghana Prabhu. **....DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE TO PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 3

To, Blue Hill Investments Pvt Ltd
Having its office at No. 171, 2[nd] Floor, Brigade Road, Bangalore – 560001
Represented by its Director,
Ms. Meghana Prabhu

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed the above Original Suit against you seeking to recover a total amount of **Rs.2,62,58,200/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty-Two Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand and Two Hundred Only)** and for other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings **on the 18th day of January, 2023 at 11 A.M.** Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, **this 17[th] day of December, 2022**

By Order Of The Court, Asst. Registrar City Civil and Sessions Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
M/s Frontier Legal,
represented by Sneha Nagaraj
4[th] Floor, Svastika, No. 54/20,
46[th] Cross, 2[nd] Main, Jayanagar
8[th] Block, Bengaluru – 560070.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE. AT BENGALURU (CCH-18)
O. S. No. 149/2022

BETWEEN: SRI. A.M. SRINIVAS PRASAD, Son of Late Muninarayanappa Aged about 65 years, Residing At No.92, 3rd Main,. 4th Phase, J.P. Nagar Bengaluru-560078. **PLAINTIFF**

AND: 1. SRI. MAHESH, Son of Late B.T.Muniyappa Aged about 48 Years, Residing at No.24, Druva Nilaya, 17th Cross, Vinayakanagar, J.P.Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru -78. And others **DEFENDENTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No.1 to 3 UNDER ORDER VRULE 20[1-A] OF CPC

1. **SRI. MAHESH,** Son of Late B.T.Muniyappa Aged about 48 Years, 2. **SRI. PRASANNA KUMAR,** Son of Late B.T.Muinlyappa Aged about 52 Years,
3. **SRI. SHANTHA KUMAR,** Father's name not known Aged about 38 Years, All are Residing at No.24, Druva Nilaya, 17th Cross, Vinayakanagar, J.P.Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru -78.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted the suit against the defendant seeking the relief of permanent injunction restraining the defendants from interfering with the plaintiff's peaceful possession and enjoyment of the suit schedule property and for such other reliefs.

Take notice that, you have to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **02.02.2023 at 11.00 a.m.** in the forenoon either in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed to answer all material questions relating to the suit. If you failed to appear on the date mentioned above, then the case will be heard and decided Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy.No.27, BBMP Khata No.620/Sy.No.27, measuring 8200 sq.ft. [0-07.08 guntas), along with existing construction of shops and sheds, situated at Nyanapanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, converted by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District vide Order No.ALN.SR[S]156/2006-07, dated: 31.10.2008, now coming within the purview of BBMP limits, Ward No.193, Arakere, and bounded on: **East by** : Road and remaining portion of Sy.No.27, **West by**:Road and Shanthinikethan Layout , **North by** :The property belongs to the plaintiff and remaining portion of Sy.No.27, **South by** : Bengaluru Development Authority's property and Storm water drain

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this 8 Day of December 2022.

By order of the court Sd/- Assistant Registrar City Civil Court Bangalore

Advocate for plaintiffs: V KRISHNA MURTHY,
No.30, "Kanaka Mandir", 1st Floor, 5th Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009.
Mobile:8971837209 Email: advkmurthy@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDITIONAL SMALL CAUSES JUDGE AND ACMM (SCCH-18) AT BANGALORE
S.C.No.120/2022

Between:
The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited, a Banking Company established under the J&K Companies Act, 1977, Branch Office at No.70/1, Dr. Brownamma Towers, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027. Rep.by its Manager and GPA Holder, **Mr. Nissar Ahamad Zargar** .... Plaintiff

And

Mrs. Bhavya R and others .... Defendants

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO.1 TO 3.

1) M/s. Bhavya R, W/o. Mr. Raghunadan H.B., aged Major, R/o. No.144/1, Srigandha Nagar, Hegganahalli Cross, Bangalore North Taluk, Viswaneedam, Bangalore-560091. Also at: As Typist at Mallya Hospital, No.2, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore-560001.
2) Mr. Giridhar R, S/o. Rajanna Savalayya, aged major, R/o.100/1, 7th Cross, Bhavani Nagar, Lakkasandra, Bangalore-560029.
3) Mr. Raghunandan H.B, S/o. Mr. Balakrishnarao, aged major, R/o. No.21/15, 1st Main Road, Near NTTF Shivapuram, Peenya Small Industries, Bangalore-560058.

Whereas the plaintiff Bank has filed the above money recovery suit against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,00,787.20 (Rupees One Lakh Seven Hundred Eighty Seven and Twenty Paise Only)** along with Future interest @ 16.50 % P.A. with monthly rests from the date of the suit till date of realization and cost of suit.

Hence, you are hereby requested to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act you in this suit on 13.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M. If you fail to appear on the fixed date the suit will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **27th day of December 2022.**

By order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar,
Court of the Small Causes Judge, Bangalore

Address of the Adovcate
Sd/- R.Shailesh Kumar,
M/s. Susheel Associates, Law Firm, F-1, First Floor, Harshita Arcade, No.138, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.
Cell No.9845009771.

Pant shifted from ICU to private ward

Rishabh Pant has been shifted from the ICU to the private ward of the Max Hospital here following improvement in his condition. However, the pain in his leg persists, sources said. No MRI is planned yet, they added. Pant was admitted to the ICU of the hospital, hours after the wicketkeeper-batsman suffered multiple injuries in a car accident on the Delhi-Dehradun highway.

The wife of Pele, Marcia Aoki (right), places a rosary on his coffin during his wake at the Urbano Caldeira stadium in Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil on Monday | AFP

BRAZIL BEGIN PAYING FINAL RESPECTS TO PELE

AFP @Santos

AN emotional Brazil began paying its final respects Monday to football legend Pele with a wake at the stadium where he first took the world's breath away with his dazzling skill.

Hundreds of fans lined up Monday morning to file through the Vila Belmiro, home to Pele's longtime club, Santos, where the coffin bearing the remains of "O Rei" (The King) was displayed in the centre of the field. Pele, a three-time World Cup winner, died Thursday at the age of 82 after a long battle with cancer.

Carlos Mota and his 12-year-old son Bernardo traveled more than 500 kilometers (300 miles) from Rio de Janeiro to Santos, a southeastern port city in Sao Paulo state, to pay tribute to their late hero. "My whole childhood was influenced by what Pele did for Brazil, by his World Cup wins. He was a national idol," Mota, 59, said.

1. FIFA president Gianni Infantino (right) greets the son of Pele, Edinho (left), during his wake on Monday. 2. Fans of Pele on the occasion. The funeral procession and private burial is scheduled to be carried out on Tuesday | AFP

FIFA president Gianni Infantino and Alejandro Dominguez, head of the South American football confederation CONMEBOL, were among the first to pay their respects at the open coffin, which was displayed under an awning and surrounded by bouquets of white flowers.

The oceanside stadium of the team nicknamed "Peixe" —"fish" in Portuguese — opened its doors at 10:00 am (1300 GMT) for a 24-hour wake, to be followed by a funeral procession through the streets of Santos on Tuesday, then a private interment. Known as Vila Belmiro after the neighborhood where it is located, the black-and-white stadium has a capacity of 16,000 people.

In the stands, three giant flags were displayed, one with an image of Pele sporting his famous number 10 on his jersey. Another bore the message "Long live the king"; the third said simply, "Pele 82 years."

Tuesday's funeral procession will pass by the house of Pele's mother, 100-year-old Celeste Arantes, who is still alive but unconscious and unaware that her son has died, according to family. The procession will end at a cemetery in Santos, where Pele will be interred in a special mausoleum.

Old issues to resolve for Men in Blues

Hardik dons captain's cap as India play first T20I of three-match series vs Sri Lanka in Mumbai today

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

JANUARY 1 brought with it something new apropos the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). There was a press release sent out in the afternoon, a good seven hours ahead of the norm. But the wordings of the mail stuck to an age-old problem in Indian cricket. Ambiguity.

Who is an 'emerging player?' 'What's a substantial domestic season?' Does this clause apply only for specific formats or all formats? Are they bringing back the Yo-Yo after finding its absence as the primary reason behind the worrying injuries (the new BCCI regime prioritised it but there has been no progress report)? Can the BCCI even legally ask IPL franchises to keep workload of the national team's biggest stars in equation just because a World Cup is round the corner (it's a bit like the English FA mailing Tottenham requesting them to underutilise Harry Kane in a World Cup year)?

The 'review meeting' also left the bigger unanswered question of whether Rohit Sharma has been removed as captain of the T20 side. In essence, the recommendations made sound like a preview meeting ahead of this year's 50-over World Cup. Which, in a roundabout way, segues to India's first assignment in the New Year. A three match T20I series against neighbours Sri Lanka, with the opening match in Mumbai on Tuesday. Zoom out and this series holds next to no context; bilaterals in this format rarely do.

This bilateral, though, could be different. If the BCCI wants to soft launch a new leadership group consisting of Hardik Pandya as captain and Suryakumar Yadav as his deputy (he's named as such) and give them time and space to grow into a new role 16 months before the next T20 World Cup, this is arena to do it (they did the same thing with Rohit during the series against New Zealand in late 2021). There is enough time and they can go through different player profiles before zeroing in on the ones they want. Speaking of player profiles, are they finally willing to look beyond Rohit, Virat Kohli and KL Rahul, the incumbent top three? One can only speculate but all three of them will miss back-to-back bilateral series in this format. It has, of course, happened previously but that was because of the proximity of a red-ball series.

And Sri Lanka is an interesting challenge. They bring to India a settled squad with multiple players capable of winning franchise matches on their own. In that context, it will be interesting to see the performances of Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Shubman Gill and Umran Malik, possibly the next cabs of the rank for India in this format. Under a different regime, everybody begins with a clean slate.

Even if the 50-over World Cup gained prominence in the pre-match press conference, Pandya spoke about what his leadership will be like. "What we have noticed and what we have told the boys is that just go out there and express yourself, which they will do and it's up to us how we back them," he said. "We have said it we will back you to the core. All the players have that support from my side that I will back them to the core. I have to make them believe that.

"We are looking to play in a certain way which we will. Before the IPL, only six (T20I, three against Sri Lanka and as many against New Zealand) games are there. So we don't have much time to do a lot of things. But, going forward, we will keep creating new plans and see which plans are sticking and which are working for us. And, going forward, make sure that everyone gets ample opportunities."

Read between the lines and you get the sense that Pandya has quietly been told he will skipper the side in this format after a successful audition. Irrespective of what he has been told, the upcoming series offers another set of players to take the team forward.

Focus on Hardik & Co

A new-ish looking Indian team will be in the spotlight as a new T20I cycle begins against Sri Lanka ahead of the World Cup in 2024. A look...

Change at the top

All of the top three are either injured or rested – maybe even axed – so there's a chance for the likes of Ishan Kishan and/or Ruturaj Gaikwad to claim this spot with a few good performances. Whether the team management will stick with them going forward is, as always, open to interpretation and speculation.

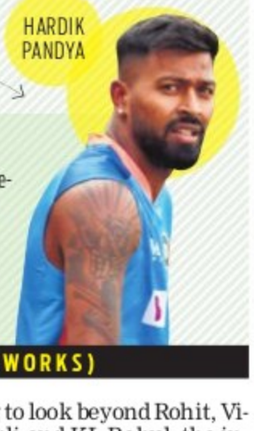
Fresh-look bowling attack

It's highly possible that even seasoned fans of Indian cricket may struggle to identify all the bowlers the team has picked. Two pacers are yet to be capped while the other three have less than 50 caps between them. But at least a couple of them will know they are keeping the slot warm for the regulars.

India's players warm up during a practice session at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai | AFP

A new captain

Hardik Pandya has captained the national team before so he will be on familiar territory. But, again, there's no clarity on whether he will be the captain for this format, going forward. Pandya, though, will be looking to inculcate what he promoted so successfully at Gujarat Titans. Continuity, treating all players equally and role clarity.



A conservative approach

The bugbear that's held back the men's team in white-ball cricket for an age now. They tried to change it after the 2021 WC but fell into the familiar trap in Australia a few months ago. Will they a) adopt a more modern approach before b) sticking with it in during bigger events or will they allow a fear of failure to dictate terms to them?

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RTP gets bigger with inclusion of top athletes

THE New Year seems to have ushered in a new chapter in India's fight against doping. In one of the most significant moves, top athletes have been included in the Registered Testing Pool that was published by National Anti-Doping Agency on Monday. A bigger and more comprehensive list, it has 149 athletes, 89 male and 60 female, on it. Earlier it had 131. It is an indication that the NADA is serious about anti-doping and is determined to send across a strong message to athletes about its intention. Unlike previous years, this time there are hardly any obscure names with Olympic, Asiad, Commonwealth Games to Worlds, Asian medallists, figuring on the list.

The RTP athletes have to provide their whereabouts on a quarterly basis. According to World Anti-Doping Agency, RTP athletes have to provide an address for overnight accommodations, regular activities, such as training, work, and school, the locations and the times of these activities, competition schedules and locations; a 60-minute time slot for each day where they'll be available and accessible for testing and liable for a potential 'missed test'. Missing three tests in a year may constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and incur a two-year suspension. However, it needs to be seen how many times NADA conducts tests on these athletes. According to WADA, whereabouts of an athlete can be updated through their app or even SMS. RTP athletes will be aware that they will be watched closely and this can act as a deterrent.

The NADA had been quite active last year and instead of testing random athletes, it has targetted top ones. Going by last year doping violations, athletics seem to have some big names testing positive. Ostensibly so, the sport has the highest number of athletes — 75. To put in context the number, the next sport has 13 players on the list. This time all big names like sprinters Dutee Chand, Hima Das, Archana Sussendran, quarter-milers Noah Nirmal Tom, Vismaya VK, Jisna Mathew, Amoj Jacob, Priya H Mohan, and throwers Tejinderpal Singh Toor, Seema Punia, Rohit Yadav, DP Manu feature on the list.

It had been quite a torrid year for athletics. From javelin thrower Shivpal Singh, long jumper Aishwarya B to Jilna MV failed a dope test and were either provisionally suspended or banned. Quarter-miler and Asian Games gold medallist MR Poovamma too was banned last year but she tested positive in 2021. Then there was Donald Makhimairaj (finished fourth at junior worlds 2021), Adesh Yadav, U23 5000m champion in 2021 to name a few. There is another indicator that Indian athletics is under the scanner. The Athletics Integrity Unit, the World Athletics' anti-doping arm, included four more names this quarter. Apart from Neeraj Chopra who was there on the list, Annu Rani (javelin), Avinash Sable (3000m), Abdulla Aboobacker (triple jump) and Murali Sreeshankar (long jump) have been added. The AIU caught a few offenders including Kamalpreet Kaur, who finished sixth at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and sprinter S Dhanalakshmi last year. With 13 players, weightlifting and para-athletics are next. Even in weightlifting, national and international medallists figure except Tokyo Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who are on the International Weightlifting Federation list. There are nine boxers. In wrestling, there are nine big names like Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia, Vinesh Phogat. There are five cricketers — Hardik Pandya, Suryakumar Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana. There are three badminton players — Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Renkireddy and Gayathri Gopichand.

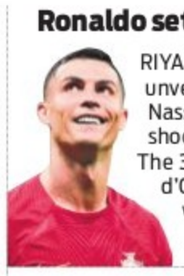
Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Boxers Shiva, Rohit power into quarters

HISAR: Six-time Asian medallist Shiva Thapa and 2022 Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Rohit Tokas produced sensational performances on the third day and progressed to the quarterfinals of the men's national boxing championships here on Monday. Representing Assam, Thapa (63.5kg) beat Jaswinder Singh of Delhi 5-0. Tokas (67kg), who is representing Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), beat Jai Singh of Chhattisgarh 5-0.

Ronaldo set for grand unveiling after Saudi move



RIYADH: Portugese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo will be unveiled before thousands of fans at Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr club on Tuesday, a spokesman said, after sealing a shock move estimated at more than 200 million euros. The 37-year-old great, a five-time winner of the Ballon d'Or, will arrive late on Monday with his family together with media and technical staff, club spokesman Al-Walid Al-Muhaidib reportedly said.

Dakar Rally: Stage win & lead for Honda's Brabec

RIYADH: It was an eventful day for Monster Energy Honda Team with Ricky Brabec winning the 369-kilometre stage (Stage 1) in the ongoing Dakar Rally 2023. The USA driver navigated sandy and stony tracks to become the first rider to arrive at the Sea Camp bivouac. With this result, Brabec – the 2020 Dakar winner – occupied the first position in the overall standings.

Pakistan fight back after Conway century

KARACHI: New Zealand slipped against Pakistan all-rounder Agha Salman's off-spin in the final session after Devon Conway hit his fourth Test hundred on the opening day of the second test on Monday. New Zealand was cruising along at 234-1 on the back of Conway's 122 off 191 balls before Salman picked up 3-55 and the Black Caps finished the day at 309-6. Tom Blundell was not out on 30. **Brief scores:** NZ 309/6 in 90 ovs (Conway 122, Latham 71; Salman 3/55) vs Pakistan.

No Messi, no Neymar as PSG go down to Lens

LENS: Paris Saint-Germain, without World Cup winner Lionel Messi and Neymar, lost for the first time in any competition since March 20 last year when they were defeated 3-1 at Lens on Sunday. "Lens deserved their win," said PSG coach Christophe Galtier. Lois Openda scored one and set up another as Lens, who have only lost once in Ligue 1 this season, closed the gap on PSG at the top to four points after 17 rounds. "We are happy to be four points behind," said Lens coach Franck Haise.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Father Santosh lives his dream through son and daughters

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SANTOSH Aher, who hails from a small village, Mandwad (Nashik, Maharashtra), always wanted to be a sportsperson. He pursued mallakhamb in his formative years but it was restricted to the occasional display of skills during the festive season in the village. As he grew up, the sport was no longer a priority. But once Santosh got married and had children with his wife Indu Bai, he decided to live his dream through his two sons and as many daughters. Today, all his children are athletes with three of them pursuing weightlifting, with the younger son taking up wrestling.

Santosh was a proud father on Sunday as he forgot a torturous journey of 40 hours from Manmad (Maharashtra) to Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu. He had seen his eldest son, Mukund, shatter four national records to clinch gold in both senior and junior categories at the ongoing IWF Youth, Junior and Senior National Weightlifting Championships. The icing on the cake was Santosh's daughter, Vinatai, winning 40kg silver in the youth section and Megha finishing fifth in 45kg in the same age group.

Mukund broke three records of 2022 Commonwealth Games silver medallist Sanket Sargar (snatch and total in junior and snatch in senior) and one clean and jerk record of Shubham Kolekar in the junior section. His best lifts in snatch and clean & jerk were 114kg and 140kg respectively making an overall lift of 254kg.

"The biggest problem arose when my mother Gangubai objected to my daughters taking up weightlifting. She didn't speak to us for almost six months but once they won medals at the district level and local newspapers carried their photographs, she accepted my decision," Santosh, who was onboard a train on Monday, told this daily.

Mukund Aher (centre) with his coach (centre, right) and family members

All his children started with mallakhamb before switching to weightlifting and wrestling. It was coach Pravin Vyavahare, a teacher at Chhatre New English School in Manmad, who played a key role in the decision. "Mukund was doing good in mallakhamb as well but then it was not possible to pursue both sports simultaneously. He started training exclusively for weightlifting from class 8th," Vyavahare, who imparts free training to children at Jai Bhavani Vyayamshala in Manmad, told this daily.

Soon after, Mukund started finishing on the podium in school nationals and youth national championships. A good show in the 2018 youth nationals meant he was included in the national camp. A couple of years later, he pocketed 49kg gold at the Asian Youth & Junior Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. In 2022, he changed his weight category to 55kg and clinched gold at the 2021 Khelo India Youth Games in Panchkula. The transition was the same for Mukund's sisters as they also switched to weightlifting from mallakhamb.

However, it was not easy for the father, who works as a private security guard with the Food Corporation of India (FCI), to arrange the requisite diet for his children in the beginning. The earnings from his small piece of land were also not enough. But his family, especially the younger brother, contributed generously to ensure the children got the best.

"Once they started doing good at the state level, we bought two cows so that they get milk regularly. And when Mukund moved to the national camp, his diet was taken care of. Now my daughters and younger son Om live with his uncle in Manmad so that they attend weightlifting classes regularly. I live in the village with my wife Indu, who has been extremely supportive. Pravin sir also helped us a lot as he made sure the switch was smooth," said an elated father.

With his dream of turning his children into athletes fulfilled, Santosh now wishes they win laurels for the country. "Weightlifting and wrestling are Olympic sports and it's my dream they represent the country and win medals in Olympics. Hopefully, they fulfill my this dream as well," signed off Santosh.

Nadal suffers loss yet again

AFP @Sydney

WORLD NO 2 Rafael Nadal slumped to a second-straight defeat at the United Cup in a setback to his Australian Open preparations. The 22-time Grand Slam winner lost 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 to Australia's Alex De Minaur in Sydney.

Navratilova's cancer battle

PARIS: Tennis legend Martina Navratilova says she is hoping for a "favourable outcome" after being diagnosed with breast and throat cancer.

Manas, Sumit bow out

PUNE: Manas Dhamne, 15, made an impression with his fearless approach before losing 2-6, 4-6 against Michael Mmoh in the men's singles first round of the Tata Open. Meanwhile, Sumit Nagal also went down fighting against Filip Krajinovic.

CAUSE BEHIND GLACIER LOSS IN TIBET REVEALED

The study states that South Asian black carbon aerosols increases glacial mass loss

RESEARCH

BEIJING: Black carbon aerosols have indirectly affected the mass gain of the Tibetan Plateau glaciers by changing long-range water vapour transport from the South Asian monsoon region, a study has found.

The South Asia region adjacent to the Tibetan Plateau has among the highest levels of black carbon emission in the world, the researchers said. Black carbon aerosols are produced by the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels and biomass, and are characterised by strong light absorption.

Many studies have emphasised black carbon aerosols from South Asia can be transported across the Himalayas to the inland region of the Tibetan Plateau.

Glacier ablation

The transboundary transport and deposition of black carbon aerosols from South Asia accelerate glacier ablation over the Tibetan Plateau

Researchers noted that black carbon deposition in snow reduces the albedo of surfaces—a measure of how much of Sun's radiations are reflected—which may accelerate the melting of glaciers and snow cover, thus changing the hydrological process and water resources in the region.

The study, published in *Nature Communications*, found that since the 21st century, South Asian black carbon aerosols have indirectly affected the mass gain of the Tibetan Plateau glaciers by changing long-range water vapour transport from the South Asian monsoon region. "Black carbon aerosols in South Asia heat up the middle and upper atmosphere, thus increasing the North-South temperature gradient," said Professor KANG Shichang from Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

"Accordingly, the convective activity in South Asia is enhanced, which causes convergence of water vapour in South Asia. Meanwhile, black carbon also increases the number of cloud condensation nuclei in the atmosphere," Shichang said.

These changes in meteorological conditions caused by black carbon aerosols make more water vapour form precipitation in South Asia, and the northward transport to the Tibetan Plateau was weakened, the researchers said.

As a result, precipitation in the central and the southern Tibetan Plateau decreases during the monsoon, especially in the southern Tibetan Plateau, they said.

The decrease in precipitation further leads to a decrease of mass gain of glaciers.

From 2007 to 2016, the reduced mass gain by precipitation decrease accounted for 11% of the average glacier mass loss on the Tibetan Plateau and 22.1% in Himalayas.

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Mostafa Waziri, top official at the Supreme Council of Antiquities, takes a look with a magnifier at an ancient wooden sarcophagus during a handover ceremony | AP

Looted ancient sarcophagus returned to Egypt from US

HISTORY

CAIRO: An ancient wooden sarcophagus that was featured at the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences was returned to Egypt after US authorities determined it was looted years ago, Egyptian officials said Monday.

The repatriation is part of Egyptian government efforts to stop the trafficking of its stolen antiquities.

In 2021, authorities in Cairo succeeded in getting 5,300 stolen artefacts returned to Egypt from across the world.

Mostafa Waziri, the top official at the Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the sarcophagus dates back to the Late Dynastic Period of ancient Egypt,an era that spanned the last of the Pharaonic rulers from 664 BC until Alexander the Great's campaign in 332 BC

The sarcophagus, which is almost 3 meters tall with a brightly painted top surface, may have belonged to an ancient priest named Ankhenmaat.

Though some of the inscription on it has been erased, Waziri said.

It was symbolically handed over at a ceremony on Monday in Cairo by Daniel Rubinstein, the US chargé d'affaires in Egypt. The handover came more than three months after the Manhattan District Attorney's Office determined the sarcophagus was looted from Abu Sir Necropolis which is situated north of Cairo.

It was smuggled through Germany into the United States in 2008, according to Manhattan District Attorney Alvin L. Bragg.

"This stunning coffin was trafficked by a well-organised network that has looted countless antiquities from the region," Bragg said at the time.

"We are pleased that this object will be returned to Egypt, where it rightfully belongs."

Bragg said the same network had smuggled a gilded coffin out of Egypt that was featured at New York's Metropolitan Museum.

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Creating a record

Margaret Thatcher became the longest continuously serving Prime Minister of the 20th Century on this day in 1988

EARLY LIFE

Margaret was born in 1925. She grew up in Grantham in Lincolnshire above the family's corner grocery store. Margaret's father had a huge influence on her.

POLITICAL CAREER

In the 1950 and 1951 general elections, Margaret was the Conservative candidate for the safe Labour seat of Dartford. She was well-prepared and fearless

THE PASSING

She suffered a number of strokes during her term. She passed away at The Ritz Hotel, after suffering a stroke on April 8, 2013

Check out the events in the city

PG 2

WHILE OLDER BROTHER ARJUN MAINI RECENTLY SECURED HIS SECOND PODIUM FINISH AT THE GT WORLD CHALLENGE EUROPE, YOUNGER BOY KUSH MAINI IS STEPPING UP TO THE NEXT SEASON OF FIA FORMULA 2. IN A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH **DESE GOWDA**, THE SIBLINGS SHARE WHAT IT TAKES TO REACH THE FINISH LINE

'F1 IS NOT THE DREAM ANYMORE'

THE endurance round of the 2022 GT World Challenge Europe at Hockenheimring was full of action and frequent safety car interuptions. Amid the chaos, Bengaluru-based racer **Arjun Maini**, along with HRT teammates Hubert Haupt (Germany) and Florian Scholze (Germany), managed to keep cool and secure a podium finish in the gold class – thier second of the season.

25-year-old Arjun, who has previously driven in Formula 2, GP3 and the World Endurance Championship, says his transition to GT racing from single-seaters and prototypes was tougher than he imagined. "It was harder than I thought but I was on pace quickly. It worked out perfectly in the end given the results so far," he shares.

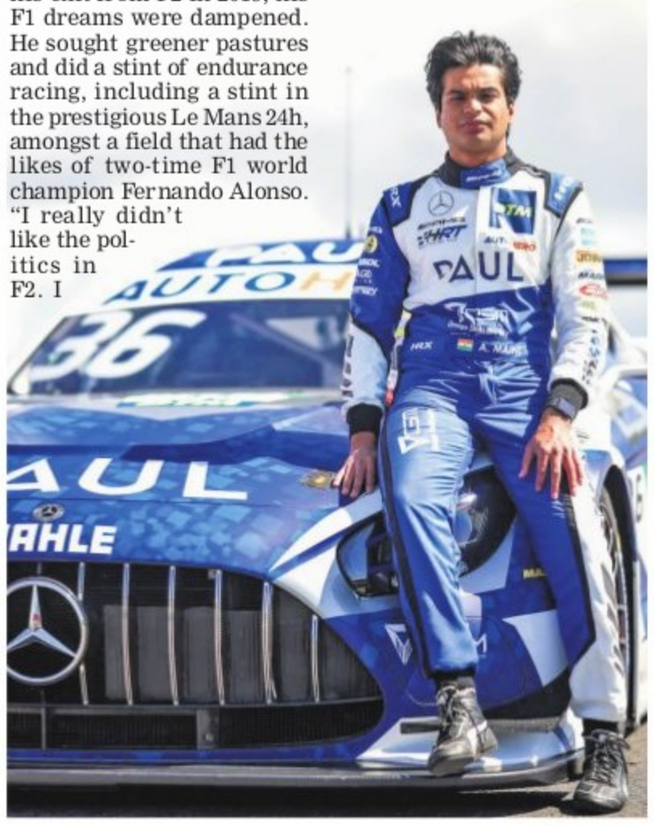
After nearly a year away from home, racing in Europe, Arjun has returned to the city for a much-needed break. "Coming back home is always incredible. There's nowhere else that I would rather live. I love dosaes, and the first thing I do when I get home is eat some," he laughs.

Arjun grew up watching Michael Schumacher's dominance in Formula 1 with Ferrari in the early '00s, which inspired him to take up racing at the age of eight. He quickly proved himself capable in karts, raking in wins and championships and was touted as a future F1 talent. He continued his winning streak after graduating to cars, despite ever-increasing odds.

In his first season in Formula 4, he lost to his then teammate and current Mercedes F1 driver George Russell by just 3 points. He progressed to GP3 and eventually F2. But the results, although exceptional at times, ceased consistency. Saddled with some of the slowest machinery on the grid, Arjun often struggled with his race pace. "You sometimes don't know whether it's you that's on the back foot or your machine. So, it's very tough," he shares.

Despite regularly fighting for points, Arjun's performances often went unnoticed. Apart from a victory and a few podiums, his stint in F2 didn't turn heads. Following his exit from F2 in 2019, his F1 dreams were dampened. He sought greener pastures and did a stint of endurance racing, including a stint in the prestigious Le Mans 24h, amongst a field that had the likes of two-time F1 world champion Fernando Alonso. "I really didn't like the politics in F2. I wanted to go back to the kind of racing we did in junior formulae," he shares. "I'm still in love with the sport. But F1 is not the dream anymore."

Having raced with several current F1 drivers in junior formulae, Arjun has intimate knowledge about their strengths. With George Russell and Charles Leclerc most likely to go head-to-head next year, which one is likely to come out on top? "Both are very close. But I would put my money on Russell. Although Leclerc is slightly quicker, Russell is more consistent and resilient," Arjun concludes.



'I WAS SUPER EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT I WOULD BE DOING F2'

THE dramatic 2012 F1 Brazilian GP was an action-packed and dramatic race that is remembered for being Michael Schumacher's final race. But the Sao Paulo race was also the final race for India's first F1 driver Narain Karthikeyan, who had made his grand prix debut seven years ago. Since then, the country has been waiting for another driver to represent in the pinnacle of motorsports.

Over the last decade, nearly five drivers from the country have climbed the junior formulae ladder, only to miss out on the final prize – a seat in F1. Arjun Maini, who in 2011, won the One in a Billion Driver Hunt, was one of them. But despite his promising stints in GP3 and Formula 2, Maini failed to make a lasting mark.

Now, Maini's younger brother, **Kush Maini** is hoping to follow in his brother's footsteps and achieve what the former wasn't able to. For the upcoming 2023 season, Kush will race in F2, alongside Ralph Boschung for Campos Racing team. "It's a massive step up. I was super excited to announce that I would be doing F2. And also, to drive the car for the first-time during testing," he shares.

Having tested an F2 car as part of his preparation for the upcoming season, Kush is upbeat about his chances. "I felt like the car suited my driving style and I could be quick straight away," he says. "When you have a good feeling from the start, it's always a positive thing."

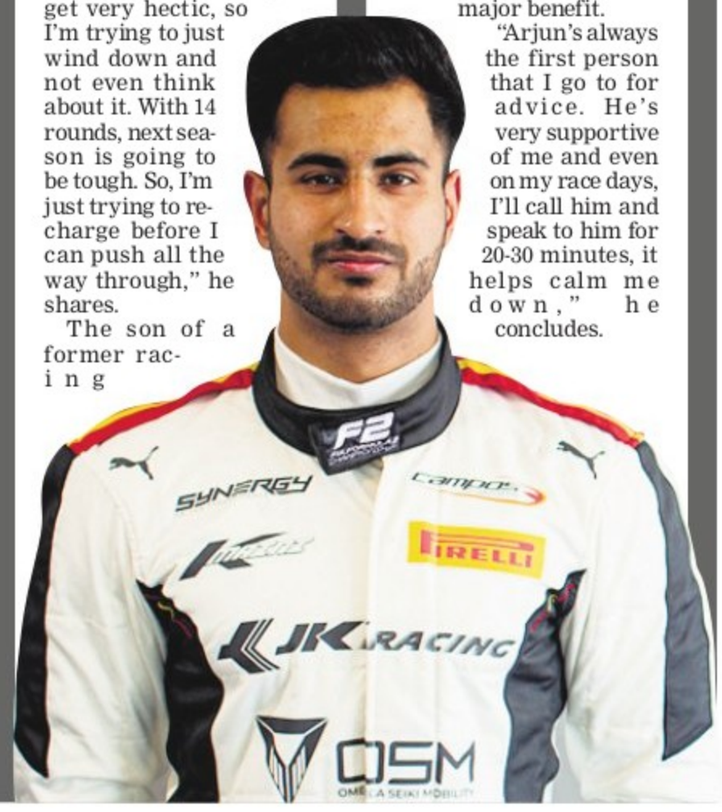
But with the season opener nearly three-months away, Kush is avoiding thinking about the season and is winding down back at home in Bengaluru. "It's going to get very hectic, so I'm trying to just wind down and not even think about it. With 14 rounds, next season is going to be tough. So, I'm just trying to recharge before I can push all the way through," he shares.

The son of a former racing driver Sandeep Maini, Kush grew up as a McLaren fan, watching Mika Hakkinen and Kimi Raikkonen from the early noughties and then revisiting Ayrton Senna's races as he grew older. "The way Kimi and Mika handled themselves, remaining cool under high pressure was fascinating," he says. Along with his father, Kush says his brother Arjun was a major influence on his desire to become a racing driver. "It started quite like a hobby, because my brother was doing it. Everything my brother did, I wanted to try and be too," he says, adding that he only started to take racing seriously once he started competing in Europe.

A karting champion at the age of just 10, Kush was very confident of his abilities when he moved to Europe. But he remembers being devastated after failing to even qualify for his first event. "I was 12 when I moved to Europe. But as a national champion, I didn't even make it to the final. That was a massive shock, because I had come thinking that I'm the best, but there were more than 60 guys ahead of me," he says.

Since then, Kush has come a long way, showing much promise during his F3 season, taking his first podium at Hungaroring on the way. Despite the challenges that lie ahead, he still firmly believes in his dream of reaching F1 someday. "The dream is alive, otherwise, I wouldn't be competing. In this sport, you can't think ahead, you just have to do your job and hope for the best," he shares, adding that having a brother who has already raced in F2 and knows the ins-and-outs of the sport has been a major benefit.

"Arjun's always the first person that I go to for advice. He's very supportive of me and even on my race days, I'll call him and speak to him for 20-30 minutes, it helps calm me down," he concludes.



STARTUP WATCH

BACKGROUND

Powerplay, a construction management platform was founded by **Iesh Dixit** and **Shubham Goyal**. They moved together to the city to continue their entrepreneurial journey, but soon realised that owners lose a lot of money when construction projects exceed time and budget. They spent weeks on multiple construction sites and started building solutions. Thus, Powerplay was born.

USP

It is helping the construction sector reduce costs and time by enabling smart management via computer technology. The application allows workers and supervisors to log their job data with multimedia proof and offers powerful analytics to assist them in planning their work.

FINANCE FUNDA

The startup was seed funded by India Quotient with ₹50 lakh. By 2022, it raised another ₹100cr - led by contributors, including Snapdeal founders Kunal Bahl and Rohit Bansal.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Construction businesses across India.

CITY READ

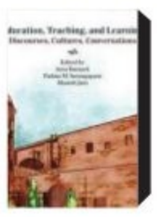
52nd Alumni Day held at UVCE

Recently, the UVCE Alumni members organised Alumni Day at the college quadrangle. Gopalan Jagadish, senior professor of Aerospace Engineering at IISc, was the chief guest. SS Iyengar, professor at Florida International University, Ramesh H N, director of UVCE, and Vasudevamurthy L, president of the Bengaluru Alumni Association of UVCE, were the guests of honour. The guests addressed the group and shared their experiences with the crowd.

Malabar Gold and Diamonds unveils new showroom

On December 29, retailer of gold and diamonds, Malabar Gold and Diamonds, opened their 14th showroom at Forum Mall in Prestige Falcon City. Roopa D Moudgil, IPS, inaugurated the store in the presence of Filsor Babu, Karnataka Regional Head. The showroom displays an array of jewellery crafted in gold and diamonds. As part of its CSR initiative, the store will allot 5 per cent of its showroom's profits to various charities and philanthropic endeavours. The company also pledges to its clients 10 Malabar Promises, including lifelong jewellery maintenance, quality check of global standards, and buyback guarantee.

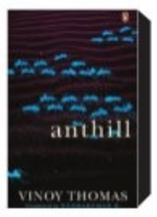
BOOK NOOK



Education, Teaching, and Learning

by Azra Razzack, Padma M Sarangapani, & Manish Jain

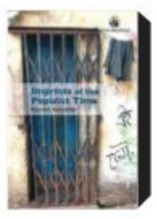
On practitioners in the field of education, whose work represent significant departure over the last 30 years.



Anthill

by Vinoy Thomas, Nandakumar K

A translation of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi-winning novel Puttu, is the story of common people who tried to wriggle out of the shackles of family, religion and other restraining institutions, but eventually also struggle to civilise themselves.



Imprints of the Populist Time

by Ranabir Samaddar

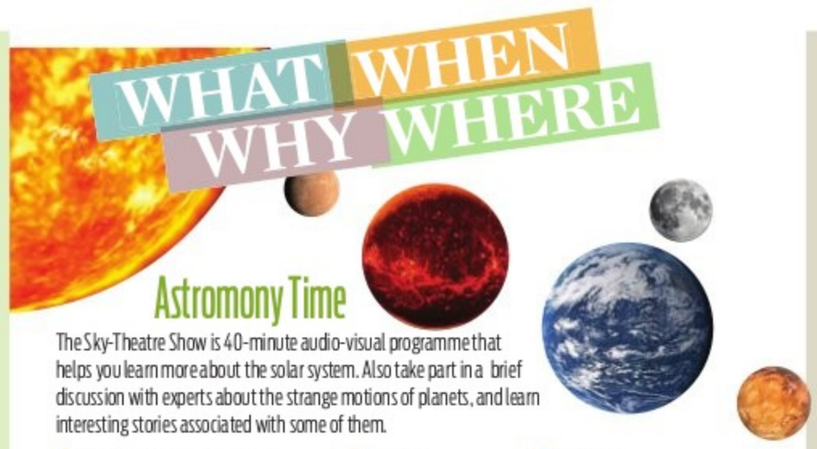
The book investigates populism as a historical phenomenon, examining its dynamic nature and role as a set of specific political practices. Lending a postcolonial perspective to the global study of populism, Samaddar examines the trajectory that West Bengal politics took following the end of Left Front rule in 2011.

Doglapan: The Hard Truth about Life and Start-Ups

by Ashneer Grover

This is the unfettered story of Ashneer Grover-the favourite and misunderstood poster boy of Start-up India. Raw, gut-wrenching in its honesty and completely from the heart, this is storytelling at its finest.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Astromony Time

The Sky-Theatre Show is 40-minute audio-visual programme that helps you learn more about the solar system. Also take part in a brief discussion with experts about the strange motions of planets, and learn interesting stories associated with some of them.

WHERE: Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, Sankey Road
WHEN: January 3, 12.30pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Army Day Parade

Join the historic occasion in Bengaluru that honours the heroic sacrifices and nation-serving efforts of army veterans from south India.

WHERE: The Madras Sappers HQ Meg And Centre, Cox Town
WHEN: January 3, 8am
DETAILS: allevents.in

Theatre time

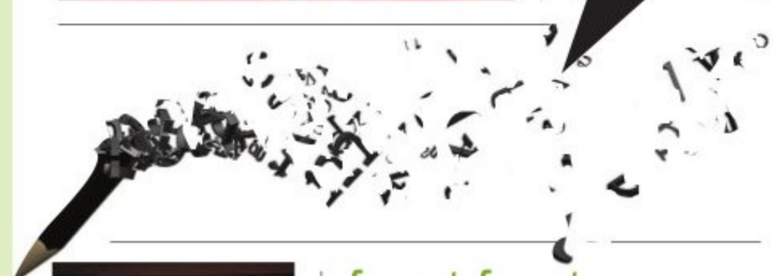
Learn about Priyadarshi Ashoka Devi, who forces Ashoka, against his will, to travel to Patliputra and assume control of the Mauryan kingdom, where he discovers a pervasive plot by Mahanand of Kaling.

WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
WHEN: January 3, 7.30pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Retro Music

Head to Tarana, a soulful evening featuring music from legends such as Mohammed Rafi, Kishore Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle among others.

WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
WHEN: January 3, 6pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Mic Drop

Shreeks Comedy is hosting an open mic night at Dropouts. Comedians, ranging from seasoned pros to up-and-coming ones, will dish out a dose of humour. Some one-liners and some hard-hitting, some offensive and funny!

WHERE: Dropouts, Kalyan Nagar
WHEN: January 3, 9pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Wordplay

A heart-plucking session of poetry featuring good company and a greater variety of poems. Recite your own poems or from a beloved poet, but ensure you give credits!

WHERE: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
WHEN: January 3, 7.30pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Showtime

A Doll's House, a well-known drama by Henrik Ibsen, was translated into Kannada by Meera Murthy and performed by the renowned theatre company Abhnaya Tarangad.

WHERE: Ranga Shankara, J. P. Nagar
WHEN: January 3, 7.30pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Campus to Corporate

Interested to know about the skills required for corporate, join a special training program designed for freshers & young professionals, where one gets to learn all the necessary skills that help students transition smoothly into a successful corporate life.

WHERE: Virtual **WHEN:** January 3, 6pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

CULTURAL EXPLORATION

A Russian family arrives at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath for the annual Chithra Santhe on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

Ridgegourd peel chutney

Contributed by **Rama Ramanan,** Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- **Ridgegourd:** 1 (sufficient for 2 persons)
- **Garlic:** 3-4 cloves
- **Green chilli:** 2
- **Urad dal:** 1/2 tsp
- **Chana dal:** 1/2 tsp
- **Coconut:** 1 tablespoon
- **Salt:** as per taste

METHOD

- Wash the ridgegourd and then peel the skin.
- In a pan, add 1 tablespoon of coconut oil. Once it warms up, add urad dal and chana dal.
- Once the dals change colour slightly, add green chilli and garlic, but ensure it doesn't turn too brown. Then, add the peels.
- Sauté for five minutes, and when the peel starts softening, add coconut. Sauté for 5 minutes and then turn off the gas.
- Let the mix cool down, and then blend it in a mixer. Empty it in bowl, add salt and then season the chutney with mustard seeds, urad dal, curry leaves and red chillies.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SIDE LUNGE STRETCH POSE NAMASTE HANDS

This can be a calming and grounding pose that focuses on balance and stability. With the additional benefit of being a balancing pose, you can include this for strengthening the joints of the feet. A good pose for the gluteus, groin, and core strength.

STEPS

- Releasing the left leg from Prapadasana, balance the body on the right foot.
- Exhale and go into Side Lunge Stretch Pose extending the left leg out completely while still seated only on the toes of the right foot.
- While balancing here, extend the entire left leg, while placing the heels on the floor and opening the toes of the left foot completely.
- Keep your eyes open, stay in this pose for about 3 breaths. This pose sends a tingling sensation to the left hamstrings and the back of the knee.
- Enjoy this sensation when you close your eyes and balance.
- Make sure the hips are straight and not tilted towards the right side too much.
- Keep the alignment of the chest, hips and the leg in mind.
- Then, repeat the above procedure on the other side.
- Finally, come to the original position and relax.

BENEFITS

- Stretches the soles, ankles, calves, hamstrings, quadriceps and groin of the extended leg.
- The weight bearing foot is strengthened.
- Joints of the ankle, knee and hip are active to hold the body in balance.
- Opens the joints of the hips, knee and ankle.
- Balancing or weight bearing foot gains strengthen in the hip, knee and ankle.
- Brings balance on both sides of the lower body, improving in hips, knees and ankle flexibility.
- Motivates the central nervous system.
- Encouraged to hold the pose longer, gaining better focus.
- Hips, legs, back, shoulders and abdomen get toned.
- Awakens and connects the body and soul.
- Helps to relax the mind.
- Stimulates internal organs to some extent.
- Activates the pelvic floor muscles.
- Helps the reproductive system, and functioning of the glands, heart, lungs, etc.
- Strengthens women's pelvic floor muscles post delivery.
- Encourages venous blood flow back to the heart.
- Brings balance on both sides of the lower body.

LIMITATIONS

People with injury in the hips, knees, ankles, spine, pelvic girdle, recovering from a surgery, have urinary incontinence or hernia, BP, avoid this. Asthma patients practise this under the guidance of a yoga expert.

By N Elumalai, PhDscholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

RAM SETU (Hindi)

An atheist archaeologist turned believer must race against time to prove the true existence of the legendary Ram Setu before evil forces destroy the pillar of India's heritage. An action adventure with a strong serving of twists and turns.

Cast: Akshay Kumar, Jacqueline Fernandez, Nushrratt Bharuccha

Watch on : Amazon Prime Video

MASOODA (Telugu)

Neelam, a single mother with the help of meek and cowardly neighbour Gopi struggles to save her possessed daughter Nazia from the clutches of an evil force.

Cast: Sangeetha, Thiruveer

Watch on: Aha

INDIA LOCKDOWN (Hindi)

The film follows the stories of four individuals from different strata of society during the 21-day lockdown imposed by the Indian government in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cast: Shweta Basu Prasad, Aahana Kumra, Prateik Babbar, Sai Tamhankar and Prakash Belawadi

Watch on: ZEE5

BLURR (Hindi)

Gayatri, a woman with a degenerative eye disorder, is slowly losing her eyesight. She, however, has to solve the mystery of her twin sister Gautami's death.

Cast: Taapsee Pannu and Gulshan Devaiah

Watch on: ZEE5

BHAMAKALAPAM (Telugu)

Anupama is a meddlesome mom, pushy wife, and a nosy neighbour, who begins to suspect that the neighbour killed his wife. Anupama tries to escape, but things go wrong. Bhamakalapam is all about what happens after that.

Cast: Priyamani, John Vijay

Watch on: Aha

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

THANK GOD (Hindi)

An egoistic real estate broker in huge debts meets with an accident. As he gains consciousness, he realizes that he is in a game show. CG appears in front of him and informs him that he will have to play a 'Game of Life'.

Cast: Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra, Rakul Preet Kaur

Watch on : Amazon Prime Video

GOLD (Malayalam)

The story unravels between the incidents that take place within four days of Joshi, a mobile shop owner, purchasing a new car owing to a marriage alliance that is almost fixed with Radha.

Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Nayanthara, Mallika Sukumaran

Watch on : Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

MY NAME IS VENDETTA (Italian)

When enemies from the past kill his wife and brother-in-law, a former mafia enforcer and his daughter flee to Milan to plot their revenge.

Cast: Alessandro Gassmann, Ginevra Francesconi, Remo Girone

Watch on: Netflix

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST: A 30TH CELEBRATION (English)

An animated and live-action special honoring the 30th anniversary of the animated classic story.

Cast: H.E.R., Josh Groban

Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

TOP GUN: MAVERICK (English)

After thirty years, Maverick is still pushing the envelope as a top naval aviator, but must confront ghosts of his past when he leads Top Gun's elite graduates on a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly it.

Cast: Miles Teller, Val Kilmer, Tom Cruise

Watch On : Amazon Prime Video

GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY (English)

World-famous detective Benoit Blanc heads to Greece to peel back the layers of a mystery surrounding a tech billionaire and his eclectic crew of friends.

Cast: Daniel Craig, Edward Norton, Janelle Monáe

Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

An Exercise In Futility

OPEN SPACE
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SETTLING down to the annual exercise of jotting resolutions for the year ahead, I realised that they were no different from last year's goals: read, burn fat, eat healthy... Nothing had changed over the past 12 months, and like all good resolutions, they lay shattered like eggshells. Strangely, these are the commonest resolutions made by people across the globe, a reflection of human frailties. Nonetheless, I soldiered on with the job, in the hope of finally finding my ikigai.

- **Lose weight:** Easier said than done, especially when there is growing critical mass. It's just a matter of a few kilos, I assured myself, as I put out the walking shoes. But tomorrow, especially the morning, is quite another day.
- **Junk unwanted stuff:** Collection is much faster than disposal, and the things that get hoarded are amazingly the same: boxes, disposable containers, plastic bags, clothes, unread books. Every woman's wardrobe has a deep corner called 'Hope', stashed away with sizes S and M, in the hope that Resolution 1 will be followed diligently.
- **Eat healthy:** Possible, except on the odd biryani day, and various festivals, weddings, birthdays, potlucks and sundry other indulgences. I added health check-ups, just to be on the safe side.
- **Read books:** A goal getting increasingly distant, with the mobile playing the villain of the piece.
- Go green
- Organise the day, make to-do lists.
- Meditate
- **Travel more:** Entirely doable!

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

The kids piped up with their two-bit. "Get stylish, at least now," advised the daughter. "Get a better job, you need more money," added the son. I could see that the two have a tenuous link.

New Year greetings poured in, some loaded with words of wisdom, and three resolutions caught the eye: Digital detox, spread positive vibes on social media, and cut global warming. Noble thoughts, and much needed.

The time spent on FB videos and scrolling through Twitter is precious minutes of life ticking away. One friend resolved to stop looking at the mobile last thing at night and first thing in the morning.

Spreading positivity on social media is more ambitious. With trolls ready to pounce, and hate levels at an unprecedented high, it seems easier to tackle acid rain. I couldn't help but draw similarities between the two: both social media and climate change are man-made, both are heating up the environment, and both are self-destructive. If only the New Year could bring in a magic wand to wash off the hatred, peace could still get a chance.

TUNING IN
Bindu & Ambi Subramaniam

(The authors run SaPa - the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts)

BUILD YOUR (MUSIC) HABIT THIS YEAR

IT'S resolution season. That time when we wake up, expecting to be a different person: a person with more resolve, determination, and the unquestioned ability to make good decisions. Not surprisingly, of the most common resolutions is to build a new skill, and if the new hobby happens to be music related, here are some tips on how to make it happen:

Build a habit: Like ten million other people, I've read and been inspired by *Atomic Habits* by James Clear. Think of your musical skill as a habit to build. Think of yourself a musician, a person who engages with music every day.

Baby steps: If you've only ever sung in the shower and school choir, it's not reasonable to plan to start with an hour of scales every day. Don't set yourself up for disappointment. For the first week, you'll just have the patience to sing scales for five minutes and one song. After a week, when it seems easy to do that much, do a little more. Gradually build up your ability to practice.

Reduce friction: Keep everything you need ready to go. Electronic tambura? Metronome? Keyboard? Backing tracks? Notebooks? Think through what you will need and have them ready, so even when you don't have the motivation, it's not hard to get going.

Reduce decisions: Plan your practice in advance. Make it simple so you know what you must do, and don't have to make too many decisions around it. If you're going to practice songs in your room from 5-5:15pm every day, you don't have to think too much about it.

Make it fun: If you're trying to build a musical skill, try to find a teacher you like, or join a class with a friend. If something is pleasurable, you will be more likely to do it.

Targets: If you're a person who works better with targets, set a SMART goal. Make it Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Bound. I want to learn two new songs in the first month and perform them for my family. If you don't know whether something is achievable, ask someone with more skill in the area that you have.

Never slip twice: None of us is motivated all the time. Don't let one day off be the death of the habit you are trying to build. If you slip once, make sure you don't slip the next day. Try to stay consistent.

Although these steps are written for building musical habits, you can adapt them to any field. May the New Year bring you joy and the ability to skills you desire!

YEARLY FORECAST FOR 2023

BY AALIIYAA H JARRIWALA

Numerologist and angel oracle cards reader

ARIES March 22 to April 22

The year 2023 begins with mixed feelings. There will be many conservative messages you'll be receiving and you must refrain from any knee-jerk reactions. Simply listen but don't react. Be respectful yet make your own choices. Your success story will derive from your hard work and devotion because of your courage for your spiritual growth. The Universe's abundance will be linked to you. New beginnings, new challenges are on the way. A new karmic journey begins.

Second half of the year, there will be a smooth flow of cash. Pensions will increase, new jobs, business ventures and promotions are foreseen. Your stress levels will reduce and you'll be enjoying the fruits of your labour. Though the year started with minor bumps, it ends with a promise of a smooth journey ahead. New trades and startups are going to pay well. Keep your karmas balanced and do charity regularly. Destiny is a trip.

TAURUS April 22 to May 22

The year for the mighty Taurus begins with a dramatic situation looming, you will have little control over the storm that may break in your life. But as we all do, you have freedom over how you choose to respond to the matter. What seems difficult at the moment may be your greatest opportunity for growth in the years to come as you will learn a lot about yourself. You are on a ride right now, you need not scream with fear. Face these challenges with courage.

Second half of the year you are going to rely on your own judgement and quickly move to where it is a whole lot safer. People may challenge your position or leadership, which is an honour if you think about it. Welcome and embrace your rivals but don't let them hurt you. Always remember what you have is unique and others may try to put you down but they don't have what you got. You'll find yourself in a position of power. With the energy to drive home new projects, express your opinions and influence everything about you. You may find yourself reacting in an extreme fashion, feeling stressed and under extreme pressure.

The year ends with some major truth being revealed. You will realise that someone's been wearing a mask in a close relationship. After this phase I can assure you that you'll be rebuilding your future, with or without that person. You know there are a few people in your life who love you and can trust beyond all others.

GEMINI May 22 to June 22

The year begins with true growth. This is a destiny ride you were meant to take. Though it had a bumpy start, this venture is going to end up being a winner. You will dream of greener pastures. You may wish to trade with people and with all your good and clear dealings, you will win good karmic points. You'll feel the pressure mounting on you due to financial constraints. It is not as bad as you've imagined it to be. Pay your immediate bills and refrain from indulging in extravagance. This phase will pass easily.

The second half will make you will feel that you are being dragged into a power driven struggle battle. Stay calm and stay neutral. As much as possible, isolate yourself from such situations. This is not the time to be a hero. Even though you know in which direction this project should go, you will be worn out battling all the objections.

The year ends with you taking a long, well deserved holiday. If life in the fast lane has lost its bite, take some time to rethink what you are going to do with your free time. Be assured, that if you slow down, stop or change direction, it doesn't mean in any way you are being defeated. In fact it's a kind of triumph. You are worth it. The universe is going to bless you in the most miraculous way.

CANCER June 22 to July 22

Health and house are getting healed. Physical and emotional pain that you've experienced in the past year is getting healed. The journey is highly dramatic yet consistent. Some puja, havan and rituals are going to be highly beneficial. A messiah will enter your life who will uplift your life skill. A call, mail, message is going to change your life for good.

International / domestic travel is foreseen. Trust your intuitive powers as the Universe will try to connect with you and uplift you. Think twice before taking any important decisions as there is a better option available. Money matters need to be handled wisely. Don't invest without complete information and paperwork.

LEO July 22 to August 22

The first half of 2023 is going to be all about restructuring yourself. It is going to be a time where you will be extremely nostalgic and you will do a lot of self-introspection, because on one side there will be people telling you what to do and what not to and on the contrary, you will be budding with lot of new ideas which might not be what the people around you are comfortable with. Listen to everybody and do not take hasty actions. Wait for the right time. My advice to you is, do what you feel is right without offending others around you.

From the month of April till almost the month of July, the Leos are going to face a lot of challenges. There may even be a challenge to your position or leadership which is an honour if you think about it. Without the challenge there is no life so you must welcome the challenge and embrace your rivals. They may even have great ideas but are not aware of your potential. Do not let them hurt you. Just remember what you got is unique and your ideas are unique. The world will take time to understand your ideas and your potential. While someone else can make a lot of noise about themselves no one knows how to work, inspire and create a better environment than you do.

VIRGO August 22 to September 22

The year begins with a lot of change. It is going to be the time to let go of many things. For some this process may be difficult and even painful. These changes will make you wiser and thrive for things your old self couldn't. There can be actions and people from the past whom you are being urged to gently let go of. This does not mean that you need to be cold, it is simply best to release them. Soon enough the purpose of this process will become clear and you will understand that in order to grow a new thought process and energy is needed to be created in your life. It will soon be time for you to rise and shine. This change will help to create the energy and strength for new projects, new love, new friends, and a new life. Some of you are going to experience a breakup. It's likely that you may feel disappointed about a relationship not working out or a job not working out the way you expected. You may also not like the environment around you, feel that the world isn't really on your side right now. However, it's time to shake off those thoughts, take a mini break and go somewhere new. You need a fresh outlook with real ideas of how you participate in bringing the situations about.

Second half brings a huge paradigm shift in your destiny. Prepare to welcome a new soulmate, a lover who will understand and accept the way you are. This new relationship brings with it a lot of good fortune, good energies and for many there is also a possibility of living happily forever. However, for many people I do see that this new change in your destiny is for good and is going to last for many years.

LIBRA September 22 to October 22

The year begins with you feeling the need for a change. You will try to improvise your health and the situations around you. You are more than willing to release the past and to move on to a new journey. There is a strong possibility that in this phase, many people will withdraw from old and toxic relationships, jobs that were not that great and also marriages that did not work.

The first half of the year is going to be a little challenging. The journey upwards is going to be full of hurdles and obstacles. This is the time when you should meditate and connect more with the universe through your spiritual powers. Do not give up midway as that is not the solution to the problems. Challenges are easily conquered, provided you do not give up and you learn to be more spiritual.

The second half of the year 2023 for the Librans is going to be very magical. Your hard work will pay off. Your convincing power will be great and you will achieve great success. Many Librans will bask in the glory of financial abundance, new job opportunities. And also giving birth to new ideas and children. Though many will grow financially, a deep desire of yours of being loved might remain unrequitted.

SCORPIO October 22 to November 22

The year begins with lot of assurance and abundance. Through relationships you will be enjoying the beautiful bond that you have with your partner, family and your lover. For many people this will also be the time to build new links and contacts for future collaborations.

The first half of the year clearly indicates that the challenges ahead of you are going to be huge, new business ventures, job opportunities, transfer and relocations for a brighter future are going to be challenging. As long as you are able to make changes and adjustments and you are not stubborn, this phase will be extreme yet satisfying.

The second half of the year shows that your hard work will pay off and there will be a constant flow of cash. Your work will be appreciated and your joint venture will be successful. The year also guarantees new collaborations for future and also the world will take notice of the hard work that you have put and your dreams of change are going to be turning into full bloom reality.

SAGITTARIUS November 22 to December 22

The year begins with the promise of good fortune and financial abundance. The kind of good fortune that has everyone green with envy. Don't let it reduce your satisfaction. Include true friends and loved ones in this good fortune. Be cautious about how you spend, remember you're establishing your future. With the constant flow of money in the entire year you will be however guided to take some important stand in the second half. Crossing over the bridge for your own comfort is not going to be an easy task. However, this is the need of the hour. Be very careful as along with good amount of money and luxury and status, comes certain people who might not be your well wishers. For many the second half is going to be tough where your love might remain unrequited. Even with all the money, this is also going to be a phase where people around you might try to bluff you and try to keep you in darkness. Listen, take time and react, especially in the second half of the year.

CAPRICORN December 22 to January 22

The year begins with budget lessons. Just redo your budgeting and keep it to basics. Repay your immediate loans and don't indulge in extravagance. You will see the true colours of many around you. If you are being offered a business partnership or a joint venture, grab it! Only with your hardwork and courage, you will achieve success in the second half of the year. Many will receive awards and the camaraderie will bloom. Encash these happy moments from July to September. The year will end with you realising that there is someone who has been wearing a mask all this while. This will cause heartache, but the show must go on, with or without them. Rebuild and reclaim your power.

AQUARIUS January 22 to February 22

The year begins with the blessings of the divine as with your determination and self control many people in this zodiac sign will experience major career advancement. Your success will be acknowledged by everybody around you. Your worry about minor things is totally unnecessary. Due to certain planetary movements many Aquarians will feel a little uneasy and might even take some wrong decisions. Focus your thoughts only on the outcome you desire. Release all feelings of regret guilt and worry to the universe. If you feel that you are not doing justice towards someone then this is your time to repent and repay, as the universe will give you ten folds more if you repent and repay.

This year is going to be a very important year in your life. As many of you are going to be so grateful for all the beautiful abundance the universe has blessed you with financial success and the promise of a happy retirement is seen for many. The year 2023 is going to bless you with a rich and rewarding family life. The year will end with any emotional note where a situation might arise which will compel you to do a lot of introspection, meditate more, focus more.

PISCES February 22 to March 22

The year begins with an assurance and support from a very learned and wise person in your life. Supporting you unconditionally. That you know exactly what you want to do in your life. The benefit of experience can be of your great help. This year is going to be a crucial time for your career rather than relationships.

The first half of the year shows that with correct guidance you will reach for the stars. A very big dream of yours will come true, believe in yourself. This will be an end of a very difficult situation. In the second half of the year you will be getting an opportunity of taking a very important decision, initially you will be a little indecisive but with the help of the universe you will take the leap of faith. There is something better waiting for you on the other end of the bridge. A spiritual journey awaits you. Do what gives you peace. You will notice over time that there is a better way of handling a situation.

You have probably noticed that your past approach towards life is no longer working. With the blessings of the divine, you pause and introspect. You will see things from a different perspective. This phase of your life also indicates that your heart maybe leading you to perform a selfless act of kindness for someone else. Remember that you give the world your greatest gift by being your true self.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNITHA RAJ** W/o Chunchagatta Srinivasa Cheluvaraj, R/o No.6, 1st Main 4th Cross, Gowravnagar JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560078, have changed my name as **SUNITARAJ SRINIVASA**, vide affidavit dated 27.12.2022 sworn before notary Aravind Patil G.G, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) WASIM KALEEM SHARIFF,** residing at No. 92/1, Mackan road, Bharathinagar, Bangalore-560001, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) WASIM KALEEM SHARIFF** to **(NEW NAME) WASEEM KALEEM** vide affidavit Dated 06/12/2022 sworn before Notary Bhagya Kumari N, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAMESH AKKIHEBBAL NARASIMHA MURTHY** alias **A N RAMESH,** aged about 60 years, S/o Sri A L N Murthy, R/at No. 24, 9th 'A' Main Road, 36th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041, do hereby declare that all the names **A N RAMESH, RAMESH AKKIHEBBAL NARASIMHA MURTHY** and **RAMESH A N** are one the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 12-12-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VARIJA .C.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MISBA MAHMOOD,** aged about 33 years, D/o Mahmood Ahmed, W/o Syed Shoeb Ahmed, R/of Add: #23/4, 1st Floor, B Block, Door No. 105, Bloomsbury Apartment, Benson Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560046, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MISBA** to **MISBA MAHMOOD,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MISBA MAHMOOD** only, vide affidavit dated 02-01-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.I. BALAGURU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAGARAJ ERACHINNAPPA** S/o **Erachinnappa** R/at No.85, Bukkasagara Village Bannerghatta Post Jigani Hobli Anekal Taluk Bengaluru - 560083 have changed my name to **NAGARAJU ERACHINNAPPA** vide affidavit dated: 27/12/2022 Before Notary **Varija.C.J** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AISHWARYA, aged about 26 years, D/o. Arogya Swamy, R/at No.43/2, 9th 'A' Cross, Venkatapura Main Road, Opp. Vandana Lotus Apartment (Lumbini Apartment), Koramangala, Bangalore-560034,** have changed my name to **ANTONITA AISHWARYA .A** vide affidavit dated 31-12-2022 sworn to before Advocate and Notary **B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) GANESH RAO KATE,** S/o. Hanumantha Rao Kate, residing at No. E-189, Kammasandra, Electronic City Post, Bangalore-560100, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GANESH RAO KATE** to **(NEW NAME) H.GANESH RAO KATE** vide affidavit Dated 22/12/2022 sworn before Notary B.V. Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TRIGUNSEN PANDIT,** Residing at No. A-201, Multi Infinite behind Sambhram College, Hesaraghatta Road, Chikkabettahalli, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru -560097, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **ARNAVI** to **ARNAVI PANDIT** vide affidavit Dated 12/12/2022 sworn before Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **VISHWANATH T K** and **SUCHITRA N K,** Resident of #101, Opp Harihara Medicals Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura Post Bengaluru-560097, have corrected names from **VISHWANATH** and **SUCHITRA** to **VISHWANATH T K** and **SUCHITRA N K,** vide affidavit dated 02.01.2023, sworn before notary R Ramesh, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 15318788W HAV PIMPLE NANDKUMAR MOTIRAM of unit: 327 FD PK COY, 12 KNGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, PIN: 914012, have changed My Daughter Name **(Old Name) SAMIKSHA** to **(New Name) SAMIKSHA NANDKUMAR PIMPLE** And Mother **(Old Name) RUKHAMINABAI** to **(New Name) RUKHMABAI MOTIRAM PIMPLE** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2022 Sworn Before Notary B.V.NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **LALITH PRASAD AKKIHEBBAL RAMESH** alias **A R LALITH PRASAD,** aged about 30 years, S/o Sri Ramesh Akkihebbal Narasimha Murthy, R/at No. 24, 9th 'A' Main Road, 36th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041, do hereby declare that all the names **LALITHPRASAD A R, A R LALITH PRASAD, LALITH PRASAD AKKIHEBBAL RAMESH** and **LALITH PRASAD A R** are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 12-12-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VARIJA .C.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUSHPAVANI,** Spouse of No. 15309645P, Rank: Ex-Havildar, BHAVANISHANKAR .K.M, R/at No. 826/10, Karan Nilaya, 12th Main Road, MEI Layout, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073 have changed my name from **PUSHPAVANI** to **K.B. PUSHPAVANI,** vide affidavit dtaed 02-01-2023 before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRASANNA** S/o **Gowde Gowda Damadahalli Kempegowda,** R/at No.239/10 23rd Main 27th B Cross Judicial Layout GKVK Post, Bengaluru- 560065 have changed my name to **PRASANNA DAMADAHALLI GOWDE GOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 27/12/2022 Before Notary **Varija. C.J.** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I hitherto known as **URVASHI KUMAR** daughter of Neeraj Kumar residing at 178/178,1st Cross,1st Main, Gottigere, Near Post Office, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru-560083. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **URVASHI NEERAJ KUMAR** for all purposes. Vide Affidavit dated 22.11.2022 before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **R.C. BHARGAVI,** W/o. Sri. R.C. Subramanyam, Aged about 41 years, R/at No. 104, 1st Floor, Krishna Reddy Layout, Banahalli Road, Anekal Road, Chandapura, Bangalore - 560 081, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **SREE PAADA VALLABA PURNA CHANDRA SAINATH** to **R.C. SREEPAADAA** vide affidavit dated 02.01.2023 sworn to before Gangaraju B.N., Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHWANATH S/o SHIVANAGOUDA PATIL** Age : 42 years R/o D. 13, Ranka Aqua Greens Apartment, Harsha Layout, Kengri, Banglore – 560060. I have changed my name from **VISHWANATH (Old name) to VISHWANATH S PATIL (New name)** henceforth I shall be know as the **VISHWANTH S PATIL** for all purpose. Hence vide affidavit sworn before notary **B.S. GEETA** advocate on 23.12.2022 at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SANGEETA** Spouse of NO 15318788W HAV PIMPLE NANDKUMAR MOTIRAM Residing at vill: Keshav Shivami, Post: Dusarbid, Tehsil: Shindkhedraja, Dist: Buldana, State: MAHARASHTRA, Pin: 443308, Have Changed My Name to **(New Name) SANGITA NANDKUMAR PIMPLE** Vide Affidavit Dated 30.12.2022 Sworn Before Notary B.V.NAGABHUSHANA BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I.**SHIVARAJ.T.H** S/o.Late. Hosalappa, Aged about 31 years, residing at No.03, Thittahalli Village, K.Gollahalli Post, Kengeri Hobali, Bangalore south, Bangalore-560074, have changed my name from **SHIVARAJ** to **SHIVARAJ.T.H.**, vide affidavit dated 6/12/2022 sworn to before Ravi advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHWITHA SHETTY** (New Name)Wife of Sri. SUDHAKARA SHETTY, Aged 32 Years, Residing at NO.55, "SHIVA SWAROOP", 2ND MAIN, 2ND PHASE, ANJANAPPA LAYOUT, KOTHANUR, BENGALURU-560077, declare that I have changed my name from **ASHWITHA** (Old Name) to **ASHWITHA SHETTY** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **ASHWITHA SHETTY** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 20/12/2022 before Notary **K.N.RAMADEVI** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RATHNAMMA RAJAREDDY,** W/o. **Manjunath Reddy,** R/at No.98, Chathrinagar Ballur Village, Attibele Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru -562107, have changed my name to **KAVYA RAJAREDDY,** vide affidavit dt:02.01.2023 before Notary **K.V. Mani,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATESHAPPA** S/o **SUBBAIAH** R/at No.13,3rd Shop Lane Tata Silk Farm Basavanagudi Bengaluru-560004 have changed my name to **VENKATESHAPPA SUBBAIAH** vide affidavit dated: 27/12/2022 Before Notary **Varija. C.J. B**angalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NILAM** D/o. Nand Kishore Chaudhary is legally wedded spouse of Service No.687337H **Ex-Sgt Brajesh Kumar** residing at B201, Mythri Mithila Apartment, Gunjur, Bangalore - 560087. have changed my name from **NILAM** to **KUMARI NILAM** henceforth I will be known by my new name **KUMARI NILAM** only vide Affidavit dated 30.12.2022 sworn before VI Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate,

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KRISHNAA NADIG NAIR,** Daughter of Vinod Nair, Aged about 24 years, Residing at No. 403, Pine A, Prestige Green Woods, Nagavarapalya, Bangalore North 560 093, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KRISHNAA NAIR** to **KRISHNAA NADIG NAIR** vide affidavit dated 2.1.2023 sworn to before Chandrashekaraiah .S, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) PILLANNA,** residing at No. 5/129, Anthony Swamy Layout, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PILLANNA** to **(NEW NAME) K.RAJU** vide affidavit Dated 30/12/2022 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A RAFIQ PASHA** S/o V.P. Amanulla, R/at No. 1066, Vijinapur Main Road, Bengaluru-560016, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAFEEQ PASHA** to **A RAFIQ PASHA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **A RAFIQ PASHA** only, vide affidavit dated 02-01-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **SRINATH .D.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
"I, hitherto known as **K C NAGA JYOTHI,** W/o Late H C Mohan Kumar, R/o # 1864, Bridge Mohalla, Hunsur Town, Hunsur, Mysore, Karnataka-571105, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **H M NAGA JYOTHI",** vide affidavit dated 14-12-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.G. VENKATARAMU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, HIRAWATI DEVI, have changed my name from **HIRAWATI PANDEY** to **HIRAWATI DEVI** vide affidavit sworn before Notary C.V. Erappa, Bangalore, Dated 02/01/2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHEKAR POOJARY,** S/o Jabba Poojary, aged about 47 years, residing at: #868/80, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, 5th Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40, state on oath that my correct name is **SHEKAR POOJARY** which is correctly mentioned in Aadhar Card, Bank Accounts, LIC Documents. But in PAN Card the name is as **Shekar Poojari** and in Gas Bill as **Shekar. P.** and in SSLC & Degree documents is as **Shekara. P.** I hereby declare that, the above said names pertain to the one and same person i.e, **SHEKAR POOJARY.** Sworn before the Advocate & Public Notary Mr. K.C. Shashikala on Affidavit dt: 27.12.2022

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) NEEYAZ AHMED BETTLE MERCHANT,** residing at No. 6-1-104-40, Arlington Heights Lakshmi Nagar, Anantapur-515001, Andhra Pradesh, India (Now Camp at Bangalore) have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NEEYAZ AHMED BETTLE MERCHANT** to **(NEW NAME) NEEYAZ AHMED BETEL** vide affidavit Dated 22/12/2022 sworn before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ramachandran Muthuswamy Prabhu** S/o Chenniappan Ramachandran. R/a No. 28, Magarath Road, Bengaluru-560025. I have changed my name from Ramachandran Prabhu to **RAMACHANDRAN MUTHUSWAMY PRABHU.** & My Date of Birth is 07/07/1972. Vide affidavit dated as : 27/12/2022. Sworn before Notary : B.M. Chandrashekar

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HOMBALE FILMS REDEFINING INDIAN FILM INUDSTRY

In conversation with producer Vijay Kiragandur, who backed two back-to-back blockbusters in *KGF 2* and *Kantara*, as he talks about the vision for his production house, and more

Vijay Kiragandur

A SHARADHAA

In a year that reiterated South Indian cinema's storytelling excellence, and put the Kannada film industry on the global map, the presence of one name cannot be ignored — Hombale Films. Having backed *KGF 2* and *Kantara*, two of the biggest blockbusters of the year that made a theatrical and non-theatrical business of ₹ 2000 crore, Vijay Kiragandur's Hombale Films is a production house that clearly has the vision to become the brand connected with content-driven films that also set the cash registers running.

With a name derived from Hombalamma, a deity who is a form of Goddess Parvathi, Vijay Kiragandur's Hombale Films is stepping into the tenth year of their cinematic journey, which began with Puneeth Rajkumar's *Ninnindale* in 2013. The production house has shown a proclivity for putting quality over quantity, and this striking aspect is seen in the fact that they have produced just seven films in all these years.

In this exclusive conversation with *CE*, Vijay Kiragandur and his business partner Chaluve Gowda, speak at length about their blockbuster 2022, their five-year plan, and priority projects.

Both *KGF* and *Kantara* were blockbuster successes, do you have a favourite?

■ Compared to *Kantara*, the *KGF* franchise was made on a big canvas and budget, but there is no doubt that both were phenomenal successes in their own ways with brilliant returns. I can't pick a favourite. From the production point of view, if *KGF* helped us to reach places across India, Kantara further strengthened it.

What were your takeaways from the reception to *KGF* and *Kantara*?

■ 2022 was a good ride, especially since this happened post the pandemic. Honestly, we did expect something from *KGF Chapter 2*, but Kantara was a big surprise, which I guess was a divine blessing. Two films have given a massive turnover to the concept of pan-Indian films, and has impacted the theatre economy too. Prashant Neel and Yash's *KGF* was a massive commercial success, and the credit will go to the team and the technicians. Apart from the huge success, *Kantara* also gave a message about our rooted culture, which should be passed on to the next generation. We owe it all to Rishab Shetty. The success of these two films has given us more responsibility and helped us to plan better for 2023 and 2024.

When did the idea of launching Hombale Films start in your mind?

■ The drive to enter the film industry started at a very young age. Actually, catering to the huge and diverse population of India was a fascinating idea, which is a financially viable prospect. Another important reason is that films have the power to inform a generation. What was earlier spoken through drama and Harikathas started coming through the medium of cinema. Each film has been a learning experience for me, and every film has taught us something, Learning is a never-ending process, and understanding the evolution of our vision has helped us execute our projects better.

Interestingly, Hombale Films has signed multi-film deals with a lot of filmmakers.

■ Unlike signing projects with actors, we usually sign multi-film projects with directors. I believe that the primary requirement for a film is the story and the right director to tell it. For any film, it is always better to choose the actor according to the script. We have collaborated with directors like Santhosh Ananddram and Prashanth Neel in multiple films, and now the latest director to join this list is Rishab Shetty. It is also about mutual understanding. The thing is there are no restrictions for these filmmakers to work with other production houses. At the same time, we are ready to work with them as long as they find it comfortable.

You are stepping into Bollywood at a time when your regional films are doing well in the Hindi-speaking belt.

■ Honestly, when you look at the business perspective, it is not that we have to do Hindi films. Our dubbed films are doing good business already. But just like how we are making films in all languages in the South, we want to make our presence felt in Bollywood too. Moreover, some subjects that come our way will work for actors and directors of that region. Though most films are considered multilingual today, the face of the story becomes important, and that is one of the primary reasons to move into the Hindi market. However, we are sure that the linguistic barriers are being pulled down, and even a dubbed Kannada film will have its takers in the Hindi market.

With such a global vision, there are trepidations around Hombale Films moving away from Kannada cinema.

■ Never. We will stick to our Kannada roots. However, as a production house, we don't want to restrict our films as coming from a particular language. All our films will be Indian films. We aim to take our films outside India and get revenue from there too. Just like how foreign language films have a business in India, we must also work towards getting revenue from other countries. I seek cinema as a force of change. We want to unlock the potential of Indian cinema and promote Indian culture, and our traditional roots across the globe. Having said that, not all our films have to be pan-Indian, it will differ from project to project.

You have been quite vocal about the ₹ 3000 crore investment plans you have for the next five years

■ With Indian cinema now being industry-driven, and multiple mediums like OTT becoming game changers, there is a huge vacuum in the entertainment industry. Anyone interested in making movies should make use of these options. China has 50,000 theatres, and the US has 33,000 theatres, But India's population of 140 crores has just 9000 theatres with around 5000 theatres coming in future. Cinema as a medium, irrespective of where we watch it, will work only when it has good content. That content can come through only if the right kind of writers, directors and production houses fill the vacuum. So we plan to invest at least 500 to 600 crore per year in all sectors of entertainment mediums, and our main focus will be on films. We believe that the entertainment industry will grow more and more, and we are looking forward to bringing a bag of stories across various languages.

Hombale Films has an exciting pan-Indian lineup of films for 2023 and 2024...

■ In 2023, Hombale Films has some really huge pan-Indian films like Prashant Neel's *Salaar* (Telugu), starring Prabhas, Pawan Kumar's *Dhoomam* (Malayalam) with Fahad Faasil and Aparna Balamurali, *Raghu Thatha* (Tamil) with National award winner Keerthy Suresh directed by *Family Man* writer Suman Kumar. All of these films will release in multiple languages.

Then, in Kannada, we have *Bagheera* with Srimurali, which is written by Prashanth Neel and directed by Dr. Suri. Then, we are launching Yuvarajkumar in a film directed by Santhosh Ananddram.

Even in 2024, we have pan-Indian films lined up like Prithviraj Sukumaran's *Tyson*, and Rakshit Shetty's *Richard Antony*. There is also another film with Rishab Shetty and a project with director Sudha Kongara.

Finally, we have one more project with Prashant Neel that will go on floors after he completes *Salaar*.

We can't help but ask about the sequel and threequel prospects of *Kantara* and *KGF*

■ The *Kantara* series will happen, for sure. We will get more clarity once we have a discussion with Rishab Shetty. As for *KGF 3*, we have no plans to take up the project anytime soon. It all depends on when Prashanth Neel gets free.

Sci-fi thriller *Infinity Pool* gets a release date on Jan 22

CE FEATURES

THE upcoming sci-fi thriller titled *Infinity Pool*, starring Alexander Skarsgard and Mia Goth finally gets a release date. The much-awaited film is currently scheduled for a US theatrical release on 27 January and its world premiere will be at the Sundance Film Festival on 22 January.

The film is written and directed by Brandon Cronenberg who is best known for several critically acclaimed sci-fi horror films like Antiviral and Possessor. Apart from Goth and Skarsgard in the lead roles, the cast of the film also includes Cleopatra Coleman, Jalil Lespert, and Amanda Brugel.

According to the official synopsis of the film, the story follows a wealthy couple as they vacation at a remote, exclusive resort. But something sinister and dangerous is waiting for them outside the resort gate.

Mia Goth recently appeared in critically acclaimed slasher films *X* and *Pearl*, which were both directed by Ti West.

Sharan turns paranormal expert for Navaneeth's *Choomantar*

A still from *Choomantar*

CE FEATURES

SHARAN, who was last seen in *Guru Shishyaru*, will next be seen in the supernatural comedy, *Choomantar*. The film is helmed by Navaneeth, who has previously helmed the thriller *Karva* and the courtroom drama *Buckaasuura*. The makers, who have completed the shooting of the talkie portions unveiled the first look motion poster on Monday.

Navaneeth, speaking to *CE* shared that the poster sets the mood for the horror genre. "*Chootmantar* features Sharan as a paranormal expert, a new-age ghost hunter with a modern look. Joining him will be Chikkanna and Aditi Prabhudeva." The film's cast also consists of Meghana Gaonkar, Prabhu Mundkur, Rajini Bharadwaj, Dharma, and Om Prakash Rao.

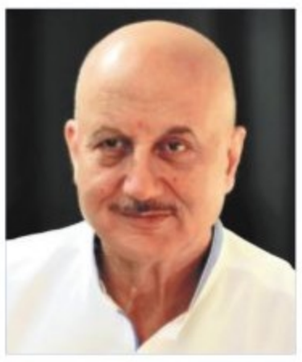
Choomantar will be Tarun Shivappa's 5th production. The film has two songs and it will be composed by rapper and singer Chandan Shetty. Avinash, who has previously worked with director Navaneeth in *Karva* and *Buckaasuura* will be scoring the background music.

Anoop, who is an underwater camera specialist, and has associated mostly with sports ads of top cricketers, will be making his debut as a cinematographer with *Choomantar*. The film shot in places like Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Uttarakhand London is currently in post-production stage. The film will hit the screens in April.

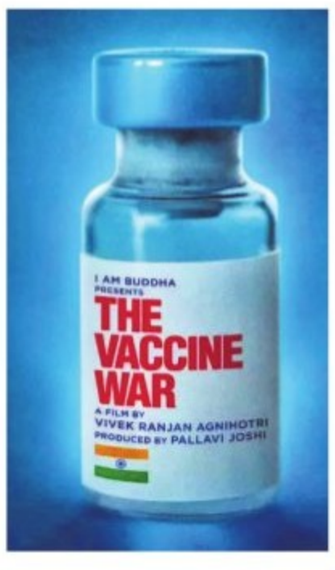
ANUPAM KHER STARTS SHOOTING FOR *THE VACCINE WAR*

CE FEATURES

ANUPAM Kher has commenced shooting for his upcoming film *The Vaccine War*. The rest of the film's cast is still under wraps. Directed by Vivek Agnihotri of *The Kashmir Files* fame, the film is produced by his wife and actor Pallavi Joshi.



Taking to Twitter, Kher posted a picture with the film's clapboard. "Announcing my 534th film! #*TheVaccineWar* directed by @vivekagnihotri. Fascinating and Inspirational! Jai Hind!" he captioned the post.

The film is set to release on August 15, 2023. It will be released in more than 10 languages including Hindi, English, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Bhojpuri, Punjabi, Gujarati, Marathi, and Bengali.

Kher had an illustrious year. He starred in the monstrous yet controversial hit *The Kashmir Files*. He was also part of the ensemble Uunchai which peaked at new heights at the box office. He also featured in the Telugu hit *Karthikeya 2*. He was recently seen in the role of father Augustine in Nayanthara starrer Tamil film Connect. Apart from this, Kher has a slew of projects coming up which include *Metro... In Dino, Shiv Shastri Balboa* and *Emergency*.